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  - **The Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Human Trafficking Series: *Protecting Our Precious Cargo***, Mon., **Feb. 11**, 6:30-8:15 p.m., PPLD 21C, Venue Room, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colo. Springs. Free. RSVP & Info: 633-0655, ext. 132, [www.benethillmonastery.org](http://www.benethillmonastery.org).

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- Limit letters to no more than 300 words.
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## The Rabbi's Corner Right or Wrong, Part II

By Rabbi Oswald Garagorry

In part I of this series which began last month, we asked the question: If the Messiah was right or wrong in affirming He was God when speaking to his contemporaries. We determined that the response depended upon who was responding to the question. Today we will elaborate on the response from the Jewish perspective which would likely be that he was wrong; because God is a spirit and not a human being. That response has some logic in it, yet it is not consistent with the Holy Record. In *Genesis 1:8-9*, it describes God walking in the Garden and making noise as he was walking. How does a spirit walk around making noise without a body? It seems evident that walking involves a physical aspect.

In *Exodus Chapter 3*, Moses sees a bush that was burning, but the elements providing the fire were not consumed. So he moved closer to observe it better. And to his surprise there in the midst of the fire was God himself, speaking to him and giving him directions. Normally, spoken words proceed from a tangible mouth somewhere.

In *Numbers Chapter 22* we have the report of the messengers of Balak, coming to Balaam. But also in the same text we have the report of God himself coming to Balaam. And the text goes further to describe the two of them having a detailed conversation. The text does not tell us how or in what manner God came to Balaam. The important thing is that God was able to come (in some manner) and spoke words giving instruction to his prophet. "Who are those men with you?" (*Exodus 22:9*). After getting the response from Balaam, God carried on the conversation with Balaam as He expressed His view or perception of the messengers, telling Balaam: "You are not to go with them; you are not to curse the people because they are blessed." (*Number 22:12*). Therefore the speaking God is able to come, speak, give instructions and not hang around thereafter. Elsewhere in the Tanakh (Old Testament) we are told of 14 times, by several different authors who affirmed seeing God themselves.

The heart of the matter as David expressed in *Psalms 63:1-4*, is to seek God with all your heart, mind and strength: "O God, you are my God; I will seek you eagerly. My heart thirsts for you, my body longs for you in a land parched and exhausted, where no water can be found. I used to contemplate you in the sanctuary, seeing your power and glory; for your grace is better than life. My lips will worship you."

May you make David's prayer your personal prayer, because he was able to see God himself.

Shalom to you.

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