

# Ezekiel 43:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.

## Analysis

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God speaks to Ezekiel 'out of the house'—indicating His glory has entered and filled the temple. The divine voice originates from the sanctuary, not external revelation. The man (likely angelic guide) 'stood by me' suggests mediation—Ezekiel receives revelation through both direct divine speech and angelic assistance. This combination of immediate and mediated revelation reflects biblical pattern: God is transcendent yet communicates through various means (Hebrews 1:1-2). The phrase 'I heard him speaking unto me' emphasizes personal address—God's revelation isn't abstract philosophy but direct communication to specific individuals for specific purposes. Reformed theology emphasizes both God's transcendence (speaking from His holy house) and immanence (addressing Ezekiel personally). This pattern culminates in Christ—'the Word became flesh' (John 1:14), ultimate mediation between holy God and sinful humanity.

## Historical Context

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Old Testament theophanies (divine appearances) often combined visual phenomena with audible speech—burning bush (Exodus 3:2-4), Sinai theophany (Exodus 19:16-19), Solomon's temple dedication (1 Kings 8:10-12). God spoke from the mercy seat between cherubim (Exodus 25:22, Numbers 7:89), establishing pattern of speaking from His dwelling place. The angelic figure standing by Ezekiel parallels other biblical mediators: angel interpreting Daniel's visions (Daniel 8:15-17, 9:21-23), angel explaining Zechariah's visions (Zechariah 1:9, 19). This mediation doesn't diminish divine revelation but provides interpretive framework.

For the exiles familiar with pagan temples where gods supposedly spoke through priests or oracles, this distinction mattered: Israel's God speaks directly and truthfully, needing no manipulative intermediaries. His word is reliable, authoritative, and personally addressed to His people.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How do you cultivate hearing God's voice 'out of the house'—from His Word and through corporate worship?
2. What role do mediators (pastors, teachers, spiritual guides) play in helping you understand God's direct revelation in Scripture?
3. Does God's personal address ('speaking unto me') challenge impersonal, academic approaches to Bible study?

## Interlinear Text

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And I heard	him speaking	H413	unto me out of the house	and the man	H1961
H8085	H1696		H1004	H376	

  

אָצְלִי:	עָמַד
stood	by me
H5975	H681

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 40:3** (Parallel theme): And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

