

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

John 10:27-28 (ESV)

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish,
and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

I. God spoke in the Old Testament

Hebrews 1:1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets

- A. It was **UNIQUE** to the individual
- B. It was **CLEARLY** God who had spoken – when God speaks, we know it was Him
- C. It was clear what God had **SAID**

II. God spoke in the New Testament

- A. In the Gospels – Through **JESUS** (John 14:9-10)
- B. In Acts and the rest of the NT – Through the **HOLY SPIRIT** (1 Corinthians 6:19)

III. God speaks today

Psalms 95:7-8 “For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts”

John 10:2-4 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

Hebrews 3:7-8 “Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts”

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

IV. We often do not hear God's voice (1 Kings 19:10-12)

- A. We don't take **TIME** to listen – If you want to hear the voice of God, you must devote time and effort to build a love relationship with Him.
- B. We listen for it in the **WRONG PLACE**.
Luke 8:18 “Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”

- C. We have **UNCONFESSED SIN** in our lives
Amos 8:11-12 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

Romans 1:24 “Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves”

D. **SELF-CENTEREDNESS**

- E. God wants to reveal **MORE OF HIMSELF** to you than you had expected
- F. God is preparing me for a **DEEPER UNDERSTANDING** of Himself
- G. God is bringing me into a state of **ABSOLUTE DEPENDENCE** on and trust in Him

V. God has a word for you

- A. Seek the **HOLY SPIRIT'S** direction (Romans 8:26-27)
- B. Determine where the voice is **COMING FROM**
- C. Discern its content – **GOD'S WORD** is the guide (John 7:17)
- D. Take time to **LISTEN**
- E. Practice “**SPIRITUAL CONCENTRATION**”
- F. LEARN **SILENCE!**

Two words – **“YES, LORD”**

BIBLE READING PLAN

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