

“HOW TO DISCERN GOD’S VOICE”

Pastor Mark Johnson

July 23, 2023

INTRO: You must discern God’s voice to move in the gifts!

I. YOU ARE HEARING GOD’S VOICE (Jn. 10:27)!

A. God is speaking (Prov. 1:33; Jn. 15:15; Heb. 3:7-8a)!

B. You are hearing God’s voice (Jn. 10:27)!

1. You heard His voice to get saved (Jn. 6:44a; Rev. 3:20)!

2. You heard His voice to grasp any spiritual truth (1Cor. 2:11-12; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22).

C. You may not always be discerning God’s voice.

1. Samuel (1Sam. 3:1-11); foreign language; accent.

D. You can learn to discern God’s voice!

II. PREREQUISITES TO HEARING GOD’S VOICE:

A. Discerning God's voice must become a high priority.

B. Take time to cultivate hearing God's voice (Heb. 5:14).

C. Decide to obey what you hear (Isa. 50:5; 55:3; Jer. 38:20).

D. A spiritual life with substance (Heb. 5:14; Rom. 12:1-2).

III. CLEARING THE CLUTTER (INTERFERENCE).

A. Substitutes for God's voice (Ex. 20:19; 2Tim. 4:3-4).

B. Busyness (Matt. 6:6; Mk. 1:35; Lk. 5:16).

C. Heart impurities (Jer. 29:13; Ezek. 14:2-4; Matt. 5:8).

D. Mindsets, opinions, emotions, doctrines, and desires (Prov. 3:5-6; Isa. 55:8-9; Jn. 6:38; Lk. 22:42).

IV. LEARNING TO LISTEN.

A. Preparation – prepare your heart; schedule time.

B. Initiation – Ask God to speak and then listen & believe.

C. Communication – the still small voice (1Ki. 19:12).

1. The voice of our conscience (Rom. 9:1).

2. An inner prompting, sensing, or knowing.

3. A spontaneous thought (coming from Holy Spirit).

4. “*Look to see; Listen to hear; Sense to feel*” (Isa. 21:2-3).

D. Distraction – do what you can to reduce distractions.

E. Evaluation.

1. Does it agree with the written Word of God?

2. Does it bear witness with another mature believer/s?

3. Does it require any response on your part? If so, what?

CONCLUSION: Learn to discern God’s voice (Isa. 50:4-5)!