

“HOW TO DISCERN GOD’S VOICE - Part 2”

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REVIEW/INTRO: This morning I’m going to expand more on the practical side of discerning God’s voice.

1. God is speaking & you are hearing His voice (Jn. 10:27)!

- A. You heard His voice in order to get saved (Rev. 3:20)!
- B. You heard His voice to grasp any spiritual truth.

2. You may not always be discerning God’s voice (1Sam. 3).

PREREQUISITES TO HEARING GOD’S VOICE

1. Discerning God's voice must become a high priority.
2. Take time to cultivate discerning God's voice (Heb. 5:14).
3. Decide to respond positively & promptly to God’s voice.
4. Live and nurture a spiritual life with substance.

CLEARING THE CLUTTER: Substitutes. Busyness. Heart impurities. Mindsets, emotions, doctrines & desires.

LEARNING TO LISTEN

1. **Preparation:** Regularly schedule time to learn to hear.
2. **Initiation:** Ask. Believe. Be prepared to record. Listen.
3. **Communication:** What does God's voice sound like?
 - A. Don't expect the spectacular as the norm.
 - B. Expect Spirit to spirit communication (1Cor. 2:9-14).
 - 1) Not physical or soulish.
 - 2) Holy Spirit to human spirit.
 - 3) Still (quiet, calm, silent) small (thin, very little) voice.

WAYS GOD SPEAKS: Through His Word, our conscience (Rom. 9:1), an inner impression, sensing, or knowing, a spontaneous thought (not premeditated).

CHARACTERISTICS OF WHEN GOD SPEAKS: An accompanying sense of peace, God’s presence and faith (Rom. 10:17).

THREE WAYS TO PRIME THE PUMP (Isa. 21:2-3)

1. Look to see [visual] - inward picture (Jn. 1:48; 5:19).
2. Listen to hear [auditory] – inner voice (1Ki. 19:11-13).
3. Sense to feel [sensory] – inner sensing (Rev. 10:8-10).

EVALUATION: 1) Journal, 2) Scriptural, 3) Confirmation, 4) Response, 5) Review journal periodically.

CONCLUSION: May Isaiah 50:4-5 be true for you!