

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

(John 10:1 KJV) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. (John 10:2 KJV) But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (John 10:3 KJV) To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. (John 10:4 KJV) And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. (John 10:5 KJV) And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

1. GOD CREATED US FOR FELLOWSHIP.

1. ***God fellowshiped Adam and Eve.*** (Gen 3:8 KJV) And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
2. ***God desires to commune or to communication with us.***
 1. Talking to God.
 2. Expecting Him to talk back to us.
3. ***And the Lord spake unto Moses (99 times).***
4. ***The Word of the Lord came unto...(63 times).***

2. FAMINE FOR HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD.

1. (Amos 8:11 KJV) Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
2. Distractions--people are too busy.

3. BUT GOD, I=VE GOT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

1. ***When the heavens are as brass.***
 1. Time of desperation.
 2. Spirit of turmoil, confusion, frustration, distractions.
 3. When God seems to be nowhere near.
2. ***Many voices.***
 1. (1 Cor 14:10 KJV) There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.
 2. Hearing voices.
 1. Mental illness.
 2. Many spirits.
 - (1) Who is right?
 - (2) Try the spirits.
3. ***A disturbing dilemma.***
 1. Why do we acknowledge the voice of Satan and listen to him?
 2. Why do we acknowledge the voice of God and not obey Him?

4. THE PURPOSE OF GOD=S SPEAKING.

1. ***To commune with us.***
 1. My child, I love you.
 2. My child, I desire that you seek me.
 2. ***To reveal His will.***
 3. ***To give directions.***
 4. ***To bring comfort, joy, and peace in a time of trouble.***
5. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD.
1. ***Unusual supernatural means of speaking.***
 1. Direct voice of God--@I am God.@ (Audible voice).
 2. Burning bush experience.
 3. Talking animals.
 1. Balaam=s donkey (the voice of a man).
 2. Peter=s rooster (keen awareness).
 4. Thunderings and lightnings.
 1. Common OT occurrence.
 2. When God spoke to Jesus at Lazarus= tomb. (John 12:28 KJV) Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. (John 12:29 KJV) The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.
 2. ***Dreams and Visions.*** (Gen 15:1 KJV) After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.
 3. ***Chosen vessels of the Lord.***
 1. Prophets.
 2. The candles in the midst of the candlesticks. (Rev 1:12 KJV) And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;
 1. (Rev 1:13 KJV) And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. (Rev 1:14 KJV) His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; (Rev 1:15 KJV) And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.
 2. (Rev 1:20 KJV) The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.
 3. God has anointed vessels who are tried and true--if we would only respect them and listen to them.
 4. ***Still small voice.***

1. (1 Ki 19:11 KJV) And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: (1 Ki 19:12 KJV) And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.
2. The voice of the inner man; the voice of one=s own spirit.
3. God in the quietness.
5. ***A more sure word of prophecy.*** (2 Pet 1:17 KJV) For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (2 Pet 1:18 KJV) And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. (2 Pet 1:19 KJV) We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
6. HOW TO KNOW IF ITS GOD OR THE DEVIL.
 1. ***God.***
 1. Agreement with the written Word.
 1. Direct word.
 2. Spirit of agreement with the Word.
 2. Agreement with His nature.
 1. Fruit of the spirit--love, goodness, mercy, justice.
 2. (James 3:15 KJV) This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
 3. Furthers God=s kingdom and purpose.
 2. ***Satan.***
 1. That which is obvious.
 1. Evil, wicked, devious, ungodly.
 2. Direct contradiction to the Word of God.
 2. That which is not so obvious.
 1. Subtility.
 - (1) Must see secondary.
 - (2) No what appears on the surface.
 2. Deceptiveness.
 - (1) (2 Cor 11:14 KJV) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
 - (2) (Mat 24:24 KJV) For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
 - (3) Half-truths (heresy).

- (4) Taking scripture out of context.
- (5) Appealing to the flesh and not the spirit.

7. RESPONSE TO THE VOICE OF GOD.

1. **Obey.** (Deu 28:1 KJV) And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: (Deu 28:2 KJV) And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. (Deu 28:3 KJV) Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. (Deu 28:4 KJV) Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. (Deu 28:5 KJV) Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. (Deu 28:6 KJV) Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. (Deu 28:7 KJV) The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. (Deu 28:8 KJV) The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. (Deu 28:9 KJV) The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. (Deu 28:10 KJV) And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. (Deu 28:11 KJV) And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers to give thee. (Deu 28:12 KJV) The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. (Deu 28:13 KJV) And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: (Deu 28:14 KJV) And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.
2. **Disobey.** (Deu 28:15 KJV) But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:
3. **I stand at the door and knock.** (Rev 3:20 KJV) Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.