

Hearing the Voice of God

How to Hear God's Voice

I. Introduction

- A. Deuteronomy 6:4 (NAS) *"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!"*
- B. Psalm 81:8, 11-14 (NAS) *⁸"Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you; O Israel, if you would listen to Me! ¹¹But My people did not listen to My voice, and Israel did not obey Me. ¹²So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, to walk in their own devices. ¹³Oh that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways! ¹⁴I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn My hand against their adversaries."*
- C. John 8:43 (NAS) *"Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word."*
- D. John 8:47 (NAS) *"He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God."*
- E. John 10:27 (NAS) *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."*
- F. John 10:16 (NAS) *"I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice."*

II. How Do We Hear God's Voice?

- A. We hear God's voice in the Bible.
 - 1. Regular Bible reading is one of the most important ways that we hear God's voice!
 - 2. Joshua 1:8 (NAS) *"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success."*
 - 3. Psalm 1:1-3 (NAS) *¹How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.*
 - 4. II Timothy 3:13-17 (NAS) *¹³But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

III. How Do We Guard Against Being Misled by False Teachers?

- A. Look to credible people in your past.
 - 1. II Timothy 3:14 (NAS) *You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them.*
- B. Your own knowledge of the Bible!
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 - 2. Paul is saying that Scripture is a divine product!
 - 3. But, the Source of all Scripture is God!
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IV. Should We Expect "Revelation" From God That Is Not in the Bible?

- A. Luke 12:11-12 (NAS) ¹¹*When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say; ¹²for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.*
- B. I Thessalonians 5:19-21 (NAS) ¹⁹*Do not quench the Spirit; ²⁰do not despise prophetic utterances. ²¹But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good.*

V. What Does a “Closed Canon” of Scripture Mean?

- A. No new revelation or information can ever contradict, or add to, the Bible!
 - 1. Galatians 1:9 (NAS) *As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!*
- B. No group or “prophet” can issue a command that you “must obey” or else you are sinning!

VI. Why Do We Need to Hear God’s Voice?

- A. Because, without hearing God’s voice, we will not apply the Bible to our life.
- B. In order to make godly decisions
 - 1. We need supernatural guidance on specifics!

VII. Conclusion