

“LORD IS THAT YOU? OR, “BOY, HAVE I GOT A WRONG NUMBER!”

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The Bible is filled with people who heard the voice of God. We still need to hear his voice, and can.

Hebr. 1:1-2 *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, :2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

John 10:27 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*

We need to learn to listen.

Matt. 11:15 *He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Although many claim to hear, not all are.

It's not insane to say you're hearing from God, but it is suspect and subject to accuracy.

2Cor. 11:14 *And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*

1John 4:1 *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

God's voice is not obscure. He is speaking clearly.

James 1:5 *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

Must be revealed.

I. The Ways God Talks to Us.

A. Eight lines of communication.

1. Through creation.

Rom. 1:19-20 *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shown it unto them. :20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

2. Through office gifts. Eph.4:11-14

3. Through spiritual manifestations . 1Cor . 12: 7-11

4. Through dreams and visions. Job 33:14 -16 etc.

5. Through angels.

Heb. 13:2 *Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

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6. Through the scriptures.
Jn.5: 39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
2Tim. 3: 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
7. Through a still small voice. 1Ki: 19:9-13
 - a. Was not in the wind, earthquake or fire.
8. Through an audible voice. Acts 9:3-7, Dt. 5:24

II. Testing The Spirit. 1Jn.4:1

- A. God will never contradict his word.
 1. The Word of God is the will of God.
- B. Don 't make snap decisions.
 1. Out of the mouth of two or three witnesses let every word be established.
 2Cor. 13: 1
 - a. Doctrines need this support.
 3. Make a fruit inspection.
Mt. 12:33 ...for the tree is known by his fruit.
Prov. 20:11 Even a child is known by his doings,...
- C. There is safety in a multitude of counselors. Pr.11:14
- D. It's hard to hear in times of stress and confusion.
 1. Remove yourself, detach yourself or repent as needed, so that you may hear clearly.
 - a. You must develop quiet time with God, so that you can communicate, which is a two way conversation.
- E. His voice is not condemning.
 1. There is a difference between condemnation and conviction.
 - a. Condemnation produces guilt, frustration, hopelessness and a sense of unworthiness.
 - b. Conviction draws and woos us back to truth.
John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.
 - c. The Holy Ghost is known as the comforter not the condemner.
 That's the devil.
- F. An inner witness. (a knowing)
Heb. 10:15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us:...
 1. Not necessarily peace.

III. What Benefit Is There In Listening To God's Voice?

A. It will always produce positive results. He knows the way.

Isa. 46:9-10 *...for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, :10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

Isa. 55:8-9 *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. :9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Heb.11:6 *he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

It is always beneficial. Ps. 103:2

1. Obedience.

Jas. 1:22 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

2. Renewed mind. Rms . 12:2

3. Faith. Rms. 10:17

4. Victory.

a. Health, prosperity, peace etc.

Place yourself in a position to hear from God and then be a doer of that which he says.

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