

Hearing the Voice of God

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Saturday & Sunday, October 23/24, 2021 Ray Davis

Part One: “Our Ability to Hear God” (John 10:1-11)

“Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Matt.4:4

The main difference between a believer and an unbeliever is a believer has a personal relationship with God. A personal relationship with God involves two-way communication, interaction, and friendship with God.

Two Truths to Reconcile:

The work of God called inspiration—where God guided men to write Scripture, the same as if God had written it. Is Scripture finished? YES! 2Tim.3:16-17; 2Pet.1:20-21

The work of God called promptings of the Holy Spirit for conviction, comfort, guidance, assurance, and wisdom. Does God still prompt through the Holy Spirit? YES! John 14:18-26; 16:4-15

God will never say anything to your heart that is contrary to what He has already said in His Word.

Our Ability to Hear God is...

- **Given** vv3-4, 9, 11
>Hearing the Voice of God is not something you Do it's who you Are.
>It's not something you Achieve but something you Receive.
Rom.3:23, 1:25, 6:23; John 3:3, 5, 16
- **Grown** vv5, 8, 10
2Pet.3:18; 1Pet.2:2; Ps.119:103
>There is no quick formula to hearing God's voice.
>It must be your highest Passion (Value) -> Priority (Time) -> Practice (Spiritual Disciplines).

- **Gratifying** vv9, 10b

Ps.16:11; Ps.23

>We don't serve (obey/follow) Christ because He makes life better but because He is better than life! Ps.63:3

>The deepest and most durable happiness is NOT found from God, but only in God. Phil.3:8

>Intimacy with God is life's most satisfying reality! John 17:3

Growing Notes

- 1) What does it mean that “Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matt.4:4)? What is the main difference between a believer and a nonbeliever?
- 2) What is the difference between the work of God called inspiration and the work of God called promptings? God will never say anything to your heart that is contrary to what He has already said in His Word. Explain. Why is this an important safeguard (1John 4:1)?
- 3) Read John 10:1-11. What stands out to you from this text? What does it mean that our ability to hear God is given (vv3-4)? How is it given (vv9, 11; Rom.3:23, 6:23; John 3:16)? Hearing the voice of God is not something you do but who you are. Explain.
- 4) Why should we grow in our ability to hear God (vv5, 8, 11)? How can it be grown (2Pet.3:18)? What should motivate your desire to hear God (1Pet.2:2; Ps.119:103)?
- 5) What does it mean that our ability to hear God is gratifying (vv9, 10b)? In what ways has your relationship with God been gratifying (Ps.63:3; Phil.3:8; John 17:3)? What is God speaking to you through this teaching? Pray.