

How to Hear the Voice of God
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outline

1. God has a voice and He is speaking today
 - a. Hebrews 3:7/4:7 – Today (the present time, now) if you would hear His voice and when you hear it, do not harden your hearts.
 - b. I Thessalonians 5:23 – And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through (separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God) and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete and found blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ the Messiah.

2. How does God speak to us?
 - a. His Word, the Bible
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Angels
 - d. Visions / Dreams
 - e. People/Prophets, Ministers, Counselors
 - f. Inner voice of the Holy Spirit
 - g. Audible voice
 - h. Miracles
 - i. Circumstances
 - j. Open and closed doors

3. What hinders us from hearing Him?
 - a. Other voices; voice of the world, voice of satan (our enemy)
 - b. Our self
 - c. circumstances

4. How do we recognize the hindrances?
 - a. Who is doing the leading?
 - b. Does it line up with the Word of God?

5. How do we get past the hindrances?
 - a. Surrender to Jesus
 - b. Get over ourselves, die to the flesh
 - c. Long for Him
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 - c. Some examples; for Elijah He was the still small voice, for Samuel it was God's audible voice, for David God spoke through the prophet Nathan, for Esther He spoke through prayer and fasting, for Paul He spoke aloud, for Peter He spoke in a vision, for John He gave the entire book of Revelation through a vision.

2. How does God speak to us?
 - a. His Word, the Bible- II Timothy 3:16; every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration)...
 - b. Angels – Hebrew 1:14; are not the angels all ministering spirits sent out in the service of God for the assistance of those who are to inherit salvation?
 - c. Visions / Dreams- Acts 9-11, the vision that God gave Peter 3 times
 - d. People/Prophets, Ministers, Counselors – God sent Nathan to King David, Ephesians 4:11 – and His gifts were varied, He Himself (Jesus) appointed and gave some (masculine, feminine, neutral) apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.
 - e. Inner voice of the Holy Spirit – Romans 8:14; for all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God, Gal. 5:18; for if you are guided by the Holy Spirit, you are not subject to the Law.
 - f. Audible voice; Acts – 9:5, Saul was knocked off his horse and talked to Jesus,
 - g. Miracles – Acts 3; story of the lame man that Peter and John pulled up and healed in Jesus Name, still happening today

- h. Circumstances- Luke 8:23, story of the storm that Jesus calmed
 - i. Open and closed doors –Romans 15:22, I Thess. 2:18, Paul talks about coming to see the church but is hindered by satan
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 - b. Our self, our own fleshly desires, our soul reasons
 - c. Circumstances; overwhelmed by them instead of hearing God's voice through them
 - d. I John 2:16- For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life
 - e. Romans 7:8, Paul is aware of the flesh, but 7:25 shows his freedom in Christ
4. How do we recognize the hindrances? II Corinthians 10:3-5, for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty...
- a. Who is doing the leading?
 - b. Does it line up with the Word of God?
 - c. Every good and perfect thing is from God, James 1:7
5. How do we get past the hindrances?
- a. Surrender to Jesus; Romans 12:1,2
 - b. Get over ourselves, die to the flesh, I Corinthians 15:31, Romans 8:13, die to live
 - c. Long for Him as He longs for us, II Corin. 5:17-21; new creatures
 - d. Follow Him, Phil. 3:12-14; Not that I have attained... I follow ...Christ Jesus is calling us upward