

How to Hear God's Voice

There are so many voices around us. We hear voices all day long:

- Our own voice
- The voices of other people
- The voice of God
- The voice of the enemy

Hebrews 1:2: "In the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days, He has spoken to us by His son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the universe."

Romans 8:14: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

I. Why does God speak to us?

II. Is hearing God's voice important?

A. Loren Cunningham, founder of YWAM, said:

1. "Hearing God is not all that difficult. If we know the Lord, we have already heard His voice - after all, it was the inner leading that brought us to Him in the first place. But we can hear His voice and still miss His best if we don't keep on listening. After the 'what' of guidance comes the 'when' and 'how.'"

B. Vlad Savchuck, pastor of Hungry Gen, said:

1. "Hearing God's voice is the foundation to knowing God's will and operating God's way."

III. The way God speaks

A. God speaks in many ways:

1. Audible voice

a) Adam and Eve heard God's voice and lived out of it.

- (1) Genesis 3:9: "Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man: 'Where are you?'"

b) Paul heard the voice of Jesus on his way to Damascus.

- (1) Acts 9:3-6: "As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'"

c) Samuel

- (1) 1 Samuel 3-2

- d) Moses through the burning bush in Exodus 3, when God gave Moses the 10 commandments in Exodus 20, and in the Tent of Meeting where the Lord would speak to Moses.
 - (1) Numbers 12:6-8: "HE said, 'Listen to my words: 'When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord.'"
- 2. Dreams and visions
 - a) Isaiah
 - (1) Isaiah 6:8
 - b) Ezekiel
 - (1) Ezekiel 1:1-3
 - c) John
 - d) Peter
 - (1) Acts 10:9-16
- 3. A nudge
 - a) Psalm 23:2-3: "HE makes me lie down in green pastures. HE leads me beside still waters. HE restores my soul. HE leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."
 - b) LEAD: means to guide, transport, bring, govern.
- 4. Inward witness
 - a) Romans 8:16: "The Spirit bears witness with our spirit."
- 5. A still small voice
 - a) 2 Corinthians 6:16: "...for you are the temple of the living God, as God has said, I will dwell in them and walk with them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people."
 - (1) Remember there are other voices: God's voice, your voice, and the devil's voice.
 - (2) God's voice always lines up with the Word of God.
- 6. The Word of God
 - a) 2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training so that servants of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
- 7. Other people
- 8. A peace
 - a) Philippians 4:7: "And the peace that surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and mind through Jesus Christ."

9. A prophetic word

10. Counselors

a) Proverbs 11:14: "Where there is no guidance a people fall, but in the abundance of counselors there is safety."

11. Fleeces

IV. How to hear His voice

A. Stillness

B. Pay close attention to what you get: visions, pictures, impressions, promptings, words and scriptures. The Holy Spirit who lives inside of us bring them all to us.

C. Write down what you are hearing

D. Meditate on the Word of God

1. Joshua 1:8: "Meditate day and night on the book of the law."

Important things to remember:

- Lifestyle
- Be in the presence of the Lord
- Read the Word of God
- Study the Word of God
- Pray in the Spirit
- Obedience is important