

How to Know God's Voice

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God speaks:

John 10:4-5 *And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.*

John 6:63 ... *The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

Isa 50:4-5 ... *He awakens Me morning by morning, he awakens My ear to hear as the learned. The Lord GOD has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away...*

(These scriptures are referring to the coming Messiah – the Son of God)

* God speaks first and foremost by His Word: *

Ps: 119:11 *Your Word I have laid up in my heart that I might not sin against You.*

Ps. 119: 38 *Establish Your word and confirm Your promise to Your servant, which is for those who reverently fear and devotedly worship You.*

Ps 119:92 *Unless Your law had been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.*

Ps 119:103-105 *How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

Ps 119:165 *Great peace have they who love Your law; **nothing shall offend them or make them stumble***

* God speaks next by the "inward voice" *

- **Promptings: Rom 8:14** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*
- **Peace: Col 3:15** *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.*

Phil. 4:6-9 Amp *Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And God's peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is any virtue and excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on and weigh and take account of these things [fix your minds on them]. Practice what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and model your way of living on it, and the God of peace (of untroubled, undisturbed well-being) will be with you.*

- **A Word: Isa 30:21** *Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left*
Num 23:16 *And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.*
- **Illumination: Ps. 119:105** *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*
Prov. 6:23 *For the commandment is a lamp, and the whole teaching of the law is light, and reproofs of discipline are the way of life...*
- **A check or uneasiness, or unsettledness...**
Acts 16:6-10 *Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to*

Macedonia and help us." Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

*** God speaks is through dreams, visions – sometimes ***

Job 33: 14-18 *For God may speak in one way, or in another, yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, Then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction. In order to turn man from his deed, and conceal pride from man, He keeps back his soul from the Pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.*

***EVERY WAY GOD COMMUNICATES MUST AGREE WITH THE WRITTEN WORD ***

Gal 1:8 *But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.*

Deut 30:14-20 *But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it. See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. **But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away ...***

Union With Christ

"Now, more than ever before, you must begin every day with an earnest reaching out to Me. I hold your every moment in My hand. If your life is to count for anything, then you must depend on Me to guide every moment and approve every action. It can be done.

I have placed this burning desire deep inside you to live your life in such union with Me that you can sense My heart and yield, almost unconsciously, to My leading in every life situation that faces you. You are My hands extended in help and comfort and My voice, speaking words of encouragement and wisdom for those who are confused about My ways - this is my heart for you.

Many belong to Me, but have never discovered the wonder of walking with Me day by day, confident of My continual presence and guidance. There is a sweet unspoken fellowship, an unconscious awareness that I am ever near, and peace, that I long to cover their hearts with."

"Lord, this, then, is my prayer. May I repeat it in my heart over and over during the day. Stand in the center of my heart, Lord. Rise up in me if my thoughts stray very far from You at any time of the day. Help me to continually practice Your Presence, that I may commune with You constantly - in and about everything I do or say or see.

Lead me, convict me instantly of wrong thoughts and motives, and help me to repent quickly without excusing my behavior.

Make me strong, very strong, with quiet determination that moves in obedient self control, yet, will face every enemy without flinching - especially, Lord, the enemies of my own soul - sin, selfishness, pride! You alone can deliver me cleanse me and keep me clean. My heart cries out to You, My wonderful Savior! You are my Hope, my Rock, I cling to You.

I give this moment to You, Lord. The next hour is not mine to give. But as I walk into it, help my heart to unconsciously yield it to You, and the hour after, and the hour after that. I need You desperately! By Your grace, I will do what has been put into my hands for this moment - as unto You - be it great or small, because, Jesus... I really, really love You!" D S © 1996