

THE VOICE OF GOD

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Recently someone asked about hearing the voice of God. How do we know it is He who is speaking to us?

There are three voices – God's, our own and the devil's.

The easiest to define is the devil's. His signature is to kill, steal and destroy. (John 10:10) He attacks our minds, which is why we must wear our helmet of Salvation. Any thought which would demean us or anyone else, any thought that would steal our peace, and any thought which causes us offence or that we might take offence at God. These are ways the devil attacks, and this will confuse us.

The second voice, our own, is self-anything. Excusing and justifying ourselves, feeling sorry for ourselves, putting our own interests first at the expense of what we know to be right.

So the third voice, God's, is the love walk. Everything that is done in love comes from God. He has spoken into our hearts and we do it. When we obey He always confirms it with "well done". What He speaks to us is always in line with His written word, because the Bible says that God exalts His word. (Psalm 138:3)

God reveals His secrets to His "proclaimers". (Amos 3:7) When we are born by the Spirit of God we cannot help but to tell what He has done for us. God promises that His word will achieve the purpose for which He sent it. (Isaiah 55:11) God speaks to those who seek His will and do it.

When we commit to this relationship we know for absolutely certain that we hear God's voice when He speaks to us. Jesus said "my sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." (John 10:27) Because Jesus has said this we know that He will make His will known, but the Holy Spirit is the one who knows the mind of God (1 Corinthians 2:9-11) so we need to be filled with the Spirit continuously. (Ephesians 5:18)

Having this intimate relationship with God is the most beautiful experience possible.