

Hear My Voice ... Today

"Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion" (Hebrews 3:15).

It is good news for Abba's sons and daughters that He beckons us to open our hearts and hear His voice, but I feel a sense of urgency, as He says to you and me:

"Today"! "Hear My voice today, don't turn away. Open your whole heart, not just a part. Today! Yield to My Spirit today, it cannot wait for another day! Let Me rain My presence upon you and drench You to the depths of your heart. Let Me speak My words of love to you and call you back to the love you gave Me at the start. I am calling you today into the fullness of My love. Hear My words. Hear My heart. I am inviting you into the healing waters of My passion for My Bride. I am calling you upwards to higher ground - today."

Dear friend, the words in Hebrews 3:15 sound like a stern admonition but I believe they are an appeal and an invitation from Abba God who loves to talk to His kids and wants them to hear His voice.

The amplified version of Hebrews 3:15 reads as follows: " Then while it is [still] called Today, if you would hear His voice and when you hear it, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion in the desert. It is really easy for us to hear our Father's voice if our hearts are open and tender to His touch. However, when the writer of Hebrews says "if you hear His voice", it implies the possibility that sometimes we may not hear, or that all will not hear.

Some of us have heard His call and placed it on 'hold' for tomorrow. Others have simply concluded that it is easier to hear Him through someone else. Others have heard Him speak and decided not to listen, because of fear, or maybe because they did not really understand.

The writer of Hebrews was referring to the fact that the people of Israel heard from God as a nation and received His clear direction but they hardened their hearts and lost the favor of God and lost His voice. No one would keep speaking to someone who did not want to listen!

Many people believe that God is silent when they speak to Him, but it could be that they do not hear their Father's voice only because they have not listened when He spoke to them in the past. The more we hear Him and obey, the more sensitive we become to the voice of God, Who speaks not just in words but in

varied and wonderful ways. It is often through a fleeting, spontaneous 'feeling', but whatever way He speaks, we begin to hear progressively louder as it becomes a familiar phenomenon and we obey.

On the other hand, ignoring the voice of God in the little things of life or His call to turn away from wilful sin causes a layer of hardness to begin to form upon our hearts. We may be fasting and praying to hear some life changing spiritual message for the world, but we may not be hearing it because we have ignored repeated nudges to forgive someone, or to bless someone in need. Friend, there is a need to attune our hearts to hear from God, and the Holy Spirit says "start today"!

Finally, the words "while it is still called Today" (in the amplified version), show us that there is a finite time to heed the voice of God. The Father's heart pours out with grace and mercy, and His overflowing love, but there is a time to respond and it is today. This is the hour to turn our hearts to God.

This is the hour to align our thoughts with His. The time is now - for the nation, for the church, for us, the sons and daughters of our King - to hear His voice and say "yes". "Yes, I do; yes, I will. Yes I am coming closer. I hear you call me and I choose to listen, today and every day! I choose to obey. I hear You telling Me to be all Yours. I hear You say "Let Me be your number One". I hear You Lord and I hearken to Your voice. I say 'yes' to You today!"

Dear friend, I see the great things God has planned for you. I release a blessing into your heart and mind as you read these words, the anointing of the Holy Spirit to come upon your spiritual eyes and ears to hear and see what God is doing, to hear His voice and heed it today and always, in Jesus' mighty name, amen.

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