

Invaluable Source

Learning to discern when the Lord speaks to us is an invaluable source for our lives. One of the most important aspects of seeking the Lord is hearing His voice. Every disciple needs to learn to do this as an essential part of making Christ central.

If you are one of His sheep, Jesus said you can hear His voice. It comes with being a sheep, so don't feel like this is beyond your ability to do. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27).

Many times God communicates to us through His written Word or God speaks to us through our minds and hearts. There are other times where God occasionally speaks audibly to His children when He has placed them in situations that require great faith. The miraculous aspect of a physical voice coming out of nowhere allows individuals to believe in situations that are beyond their natural capabilities.

There can be no intimate relationship with our heavenly Father without believing He is God and that He wants to communicate with us. It is much easier for us to speak to Him, and on the average, most Christians have a hard time hearing His voice speak back.

Outside of miraculous visitations and audible voices, our general problem is hearing God's "still small voice." Over time our experiences help us learn various processes in which He communicates with us. These can come through spontaneous thoughts, impressions and visions, and Scripture.

God's thoughts will always line up with Scripture or with His aspects of His names (Comforter, Prince of Peace, Healer, Deliverer etc). You can guarantee His thoughts toward you will always be good and full of mercy. His ways teach us who He is to us. They edify, they exhort, and, when needed, provide comfort. God's ways are always pure and unwavering (James 3:17).

Can I give you a tip? Satan's thoughts line up with aspects of his character. He is known as the accuser, and as the thief who comes to kill, steal and destroy. You can always guarantee that his ways condemn, confuse and create despair.

The fruit of the adversary brings rejection, fear, doubt, unbelief and, in general, misery. His greatest calling card is selfish ambition (James 3:14,15).

When The Lord speaks some or all of the following things will be present:

- Trust- Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."
- Peace- John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

- Confident Assurance- Isaiah 30:15, “For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: “In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.”
- An inward knowing -1 Corinthians 2:13 -“These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy[d] Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”
- Agreement with the Word of God- 2 Peter 1:19, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.”
- Confirmation- 2 Corinthians 13:1, “This will be the third time I am coming to you. By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.”

Knowing God through the Bible is a vital foundation to hearing His voice in your heart, so you must have a solid commitment to know and obey God’s written Word. God has promised us that all His promises are yes, and Amen. You have heard me say it before, “All means All.”

We can walk in complete confidence that He will do what He says. Jesus demonstrated the ability of living out of constant contact with God, showing us that it is possible for us to live out of divine initiative as Jesus did.

2 Corinthians 1:20-21, “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

When the Lord talks to us, He does so in ways that we can hear. Yes, there are times it’s powerful and majestic and shakes the wilderness. Other times, it just His still small voice within you. So no matter where you are at, trust more in His ability to speak to you than in your ability to hear from Him.

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