

How to Hear the Voice of God – Part 1

Overview: Christians who yearn to hear the voice of God want to learn how to hear His voice clearly; and learn how to discern the right voice to listen to. Christianity is a relationship with God, which should be maintained through good communication. Our creative God is not limited to one form of communication. It is essential that you learn to hear God’s voice well, so that you can always be led by the Spirit of God (Rom 8:14). An important key of how to hear the voice of God is found in Psalm 91:1-2 which you can pray daily: **“Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, I dwell in the secret place of the Most High, I abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I say of You, Lord, “You are my refuge and my fortress; My God, in You I trust.”** The result of doing that is in Psalm 91:14-16 as God talks about he or she who dwells in the secret place. Continue in prayer - **“Because I have set my love upon You (God), therefore You (God) will deliver me; You (God) will set me on high, because I have known Your name. I shall call upon You (my God), and You (God) will answer me; You (God) will be with me in trouble; You (God) will deliver me and honor me with long life. You (God) will satisfy me, and show me Your salvation.”**

A. As God’s Sheep You Will Hear the Good Shepherd’s Voice. John 10:3-5

- 1) ³To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear His voice; and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴And when He brings out his own sheep, He goes before them; and **the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice.** ⁵Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”
- 2) Spending a lot of time communing with your Shepherd helps you to hear and recognize His voice better.

B. Be Still to Hear the Voice of God.

- 1) **Be still** and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10
 - a) Spend quality time with God away from your busy life.
- 2) “...The God of our forefathers has destined *and* appointed you to come progressively to know His will [to perceive, to recognize more strongly and clearly, and to become better and more intimately acquainted with His will], and to see the Righteous One (Jesus Christ, the Messiah), and to **hear a voice from His [own] mouth and a message from His [own] lips;**” (AMPC) Acts 22:14

C. How God Speaks.

- 1) Directly in a still small voice (in your thoughts). 1 Kings 19:12
 - a) ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the Lord *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.
- 2) Directly in an audible voice.
 - a) “God spake unto Noah, saying...” Genesis 8:15
 - b) “The Lord had said unto Abram ...” Genesis 12:1
 - c) “The Lord said unto Moses ...” Exodus 24:12
 - d) “Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah ...” Isaiah 38:4
- 3) Through His Son, Jesus Christ.
 - a) He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” John 14:21
 - b) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1
 - c) **“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”** John 10:27
- 4) Through the Word of God.
 - a) ¹⁶All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Tim 3:16-17

- 5) Through Holy Spirit.
 - a) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26
 - b) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. John 16:13
 - c) Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Romans 8:26
 - d) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Spirit...** Jude 1:20
- 6) Through your Pastor and other 5-fold Ministers and Leaders. Eph 4:11-13
 - a) “¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...”
- 7) Through creation. Romans 1:20
 - a) “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse”
- 8) Through God’s plan for your life.
 - a) “A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” Proverbs 16:9
 - b) “Your Word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105
- 9) Through a knowing in your heart (*your “Knower”*). 1 Cor 2:9
 - a) “But as it is written: ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the *heart* of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him’.”
 - b) “The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all the inner depths of his heart.” Proverbs 20:27
 - c) “Even so no one *knows* the things of God except the Spirit of God.” 1 Cor 2:11
 - d) “...that we might *know* the things that have been freely given to us by God.” 1 Cor 2:12

D. Saturate Yourself with God’s Presence and Have a Repentant Pure, Clean Heart.

- 1) Saturate yourself with the Rivers of Living Water by speaking in Tongues a lot. John 7:38
 - a) “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall **flow rivers of living water.**”
- 2) “**Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**” Matthew 5:8
- 3) “**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**” 1 John 1:9
- 4) “¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.** Psalm 51:10-12
 - ¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 - ¹² Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation...”

Recommendations: Spend an increased amount of quality time with God to practice hearing His voice more. Start with very anointed worship music, sing to Him, praise Him, worship Him. Then be silent and listen to what your Holy God shall say to you as He inhabits the praises of His people, according to Psalm 22:3.