

NOW WORD Covenant Church
HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD 2020
Sunday, January 19, 2020

An ongoing requirement for a relationship with God, is the ability to hear and know His voice. A Christ follower is a person who can hear and know the voice of God. This morning we're going to look at how to hear and know God's voice through the prophet Samuel's call of God.

Introduction: Knowing God's voice is **essential**

Jeremiah 7:22-23 (ESV)

v.22. For in the day that I **brought them out** of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to your fathers or command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. **v.23.** But this **command** I gave them: '**Obey my voice**, and **I will be your God**, and you shall be **my people**. And **walk in** all the way that I command you, that it may be **well with you**.'

1. Obey my voice
2. I will be your God
3. You shall be my people
4. Walk in all the way (teachings)

Promise: It will be well with you

Reference: Deuteronomy 8:3

John 10:27 (ESV)

My sheep hear my voice, and **I know** them, and they **follow me**.

- Hear my voice – attentive
- I know them – relationship
- They follow me – obedience

Reference: Deuteronomy 8:3

Points to the Message: Samuel's Call

1 Samuel 3:9. So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. 10. And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "**Speak, your servant is listening.**"

1. Ask God to speak

Jeremiah 29:12. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. (ESV)

2. Prepare to listen

Proverbs 4:20. My child pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. 21 Don't lose sight of them Let them penetrate deep into your heart,

v.22. for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body.

- a) "Pay attention" – attitude
- b) "Listen carefully to my words" – focus
- c) "Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart" – meditate
- d) "Keep them within your heart" – carry out

Promise: life and healing

References: Hebrews 3:15, Mark 4:25

3. Know God's **voice**

a) Know the Transmitters:

- 1) **Holy Spirit** – John 14:26
- 2) **People** - 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- 3) **Scriptures** - Exodus 24:7
- 4) **Meditation** – Psalm 119:15
- 5) **Conscience** - Romans 9:1

b) Have Discernment – Jesus (Matthew 16:17, 23)

"Jesus **discerned** the **voice of God** based upon the **mindset of God** and the **mindset of a man.**"

c) Practical ways to know God's voice:

Does the Voice:

- 1) **Inspire** faith in God – Hebrews 11:6
- 2) **Align** you with God's authority – Hebrews 13:17
- 3) **Agree** with the Scripture – Acts 17:11
- 4) **Stand** under confirmation – I Corinthians 14:29
- 5) **Motivate** you to be like Christ – Romans 8:29
- 6) **Give** you peace – John 14:27
- 7) **Match** your gifts and calling – Romans 12:6

TAKEAWAY: Comm-unity – "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

Life Group Discussion

1. Discuss why it is essential to know the voice of God
2. Discuss how you ask God to speak
3. Discuss how you discern God's voice
4. Discuss how to learn God's voice through various transmitters
5. Discuss the practical ways to know God's voice