

My Sheep Hear My Voice

One of the beautiful things about the GOOD shepherd is, he knows how to lead the sheep to rest. Many people do not have rest because they do not know how to follow the shepherd. In order for us to have that rest, we must learn to obey the voice of the shepherd. The shepherd constantly speaks to his sheep so that they can hear his voice and become familiar with it, how close is your heart to the word of God, and how do you respond when you hear the voice of God in his Word?

This will determine how you live your life, it will help you to understand more about the way of the shepherd and how he expects you to live. When God speaks he gives you accurate information, he gives you his heart in his words. He wants us to trust him based on the fact that we know him. We cannot follow him if we do not know him, and we cannot know him unless we are familiar with his voice in his word.

When I received Jesus I did not really know what the Christian life was all about, but I had a prayer which I believe the Lord honored and to this day I see it being fulfilled in my life, and that prayer was, "Lord make me a healthy Christian" in order for you to be a healthy Christian you have to know how to discern the voice of God from the voice of reason.

The Lord desires that we hear his voice, but he gives us instructions on how to hear his voice so that we do not become confuse. Remember that there are many voices in the world, and if we are not careful we will listen to the wrong voice and get in trouble.

As a pastor I have encountered so many people who make the wrong decisions because they're not listening to the Holy Spirit, they think that they're listening to the voice of God but they're really listening to their own reason. Sometimes people are so inclined to their own voice that they would rather listen to that than to listen to the truth of the Word of God. They will fight you at every point just to make their point stick.

There were times that I have spoken the truth to a person, and they acknowledge that it is the truth, but they still don't change their ways because they want to justify their own knowledge. There is enough knowledge in the word of God so that we can live a healthy Christian life.

The Bible is God's book

When we look at the Bible, understand that God gave us this book so that we can walk according to its principles. People have turned away from the Bible because they look at it as an ordinary book, my friend this is so far from the truth. The Bible is God inspired, 2 Tim.3:16. The Bible gives us the truth in every aspect, it is without error and it is absolutely trustworthy.

The Bible contains the mind of God

The Bible gives us insight into the thoughts of God. Every time we read the Bible we can expect truth, we can rely upon its contents because it is God given. Therefore we can listen to the voice of God as we read the word of God.

Listening is an art

In order for us to hear the voice of God we must maintain a steady diet of the word of God. I hear people tell me all the time, "The Lord spoke to me" I don't mean to put people down when it comes to this phrase, but you have to understand I hear it so much and I'm a little bit taken back because when I hear the things that they say that they say God said, I know that they are off.

You may asked, "How do you know that?" I know it because I read the word of God, and most of the things that I hear them say are contrary to holy Scripture. You can hold on to the word of God, you can tell people I only adhere to the word of God! in order for us to develop a spiritual ear, we must have a right perspective about God, the concept of God is in his word.

As a minister in the house of God it is my duty and my privilege to try to help people to hear God in a deeper way. Malachi 2:7. This is not just for me but for all those who claim to be Christians, we have the ministry of reconciliation and the obligation to teach people the truth. You are a Minister in Christ.

Developing spiritual hearing

Our physical ear has three parts in it, they are: the outer ear, the middle ear and the inner ear. Jesus said, "He that has an ear hear what the Spirit is saying" Rev.2:7. He, Jesus, is going way beyond our physical hearing. He is talking about a spiritual ear to hear God. Many people try to attribute physical hearing to spiritual hearing and this is where they get it all wrong. The Holy Spirit speaks into our spirit. We can develop spiritual hearing by getting into the word of God.

My sheep hear my voice

If you've never heard the voice of God before maybe you're not his sheep. This is not to insult you, but to inspire you to ask yourself, "Am I really a child of God? God will speak to his sheep because they belong to him and he protects them from harm. He is a good Father that speaks to us and trains us so that we can walk according to his will. Jesus never missed the will of God because he always heard the Father speak to him. He himself declares, "I always do the will of my Father" I love that about the Lord Jesus, he always did the will of God. Jn.5:30, 10:27.

Depart not from the word

The word of God must be continually before our eyes, that is our spiritual eyes. When you hear the word of God it goes into your mind and into your heart, it is this word that comes back at you when you need to make a decision, the Holy Spirit will show you the motives of your thoughts so that you can make a right judgment, Hebrews 4:12 The word of God is alive and active and it penetrates through our very being, he gives us the assurance that we are listening to the voice of God when the word comes to us by his Holy Spirit.

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Sometimes when I am getting ready to teach I tell the people, "Open up the voice of God to such and such a place" And I mean that literally, the voice of God is in his word. If I want to hear the voice of God I simply read the word of God out loud. I don't know about you, but I get excited just thinking about the book. Someone told me yes the word of God makes you excited and I totally agree. There are times that I just think about the book, the holy Bible, and I get

this overwhelming feeling of excitement and joy because I have a resource that I can turn to and know without shadow of doubt that it will speak to me the truth.

Six things that we can expect out of the word of God, Psalms 19:7-9.

The law of God is perfect

The Word of God is perfect and we can trust it without reservation. God teaches us the perfect way because he is perfect in all his ways. it converts our soul.

The word of God is our testimony

The word of God gives us the testimony of all that he has done, and by reading his testimony it makes us wise.

The word of God is our statues

The statues of the principles of God is the highest Law and they are steady and firm. He gives us a solid place to stand. The statues of God gives us the joy of the Lord.

The commandments of God are pure

No one likes to drink from dirty water, the word of God is a drink that is pure and holy. Whenever we come to the word we can expect God's purity and holiness. Blessed are those who love purity because the word of God is pure.

The word of God teaches us the fear of God

There is no other way that we can learn to fear of God except by reading what he has done in the past. God is to be feared because he is great and the Bible teaches us this principle. Sin is a reproach so by learning to fearing the Lord we come to a place of desiring a clean life.

The word of God teaches us the judgments of God

People make all kinds of wrong judgments because they do not study the word, the Bible teaches us that judgments of God and it teaches us how to judge right from wrong.

So my friend take this encouragement today and learn to develop an ear for God. The Holy Spirit is always speaking, but we're not always listening. We need to learn to spend time in the truth so that the truth can speak to us. I say this repeatedly, "Study the word until it studies you"

God bless you

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