

The Voice

“How to Hear God Clearly”

John 10:3-5 NIV “The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep **listen to his voice**. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they **know his voice**. But they will **never follow a stranger**; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”

Why does speak?

1) God speaks to reveal His love.

- a) God speaks to establish Relationship.
- b) God speaks to facilitate Friendship

Exodus 33:11 The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

- c) God speaks to give us confidence in His Ownership.

Jn. 10:27 “I know those who are mine and they hear my voice”

2) God speaks to give guidance.

Proverbs 3:6 MSG Listen for **GOD’s voice in everything** you do, everywhere you go; he’s the one who will keep you on track.

Isaiah 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

3) God speaks to provide us with an eternal perspective.

- 2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV For we walk by faith, not by sight.

The Elisha and Raiders of Aram (2 Kings 6)

How Does God Speak?

1) GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE BIBLE.

2 Timothy 3:16 (CEV) Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and **showing them how to live**.

2) GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT.

Simeon heard the Spirit leading him: Luke 2:27 "Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts."

Paul - Acts 20:22 "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there."

Often times the Spirit offer us a strong inner impulse or an unction.

1 John 2:20 KJV But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

3) GOD SPEAKS THROUGH DREAMS AND VISIONS.

Joel 2:28-29 Later, I will give my Spirit to everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will have dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will even give my Spirit to my servants, both men and women.

4) GOD SPEAKS THROUGH EXPERIENCES.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

5) GOD SPEAKS TO YOU THROUGH YOUR PASTORS/LEADERS.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.