

SERMON NOTES



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“Hear God’s voice to know God’s will.”

John 10:3 – 4 (KJV)

³To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

- Hear God’s voice to know God’s will.
- Know God’s will to follow Him.
- God speaks to us in a still, small voice.
- Take heed to what you hear. Must be a doer of God’s word and hear God’s voice.
- Hear the Word! Practice the Word!
- God desires to have a relationship with us.
- To have a relationship with someone you must know the person.
- To be a follower of Christ, you must hear God’s voice and recognize God’s voice.

I John 4:1 (NLT)

⁴ Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.

- God’s word instructs us to test every voice and spirit.
- Go to people for confirmation not for discernment.

How to Test God’s Voice:

1. Agrees with God’s Word

- What you are hearing will be revealed through God’s word.

I John 5:7 (KJV)

⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

2. Brings you closer to God

- Wisdom and success comes from hearing and doing God’s word.
- Know God’s voice when it is pure and peaceable.
- Know it comes from God when it moves you closer to God.
- Encourages spiritual growth.

James 3:17 – 18 (KJV)

⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. ⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

3. Agrees with nature of God

- God convicts – not condemns!
- God corrects – not attacks!
- God's voice is never discouraging, condemning, judgmental or demeaning.
- Voice of the Holy Spirit is never condemning.

Psalm 100:5 (TLB)

⁵ For the Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation.

Romans 8:1 – 2 (KJV)

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8: 1 – 2 (MSG)

¹⁻² With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

Revelation 3:19 (AMP)

¹⁹ Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I rebuke and discipline [showing them their faults and instructing them]; so be enthusiastic and repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior—seek God's will].

- Nature of God is to hold us accountable.
- God is correcting and convicting you to help you grow and go to a new level.
- God corrects you to build you, not break you.
- God will bring the best out of you.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you test God's voice?
2. What comes from hearing God's voice?

Resources:

If you would like to look at “**How to Hear God's Voice**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

