

# **February 26, 2017**

# "Hearing God's voice brings peace in your life."

## John 10:3 (KJV)

<sup>3</sup>To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

- Build your life on God's Word.
- God's Word is God's voice.
- Stop saying, "I can't hear God." Start saying, "By faith, I am God's sheep and I hear God's voice."
- God calls His sheep by name and leads them. Be lead internally, not externally.
- Be led by the Holy Spirit not by circumstances.

### I John 4:1 (NLT)

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

• Test to know you are hearing Gods voice.

## **How to Test God's Voice:**

## 1. Agrees with God's Word

- Train your spirit to recognize God's voice when He speaks to you.
- Have a daily Bible reading plan.
- Discern and distinguish God's voice.

## I John 5:7 (KJV)

<sup>7</sup> 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 it comes from God when it moves you closer to God.

#### James 3:17 - 18 (KJV)

<sup>7</sup> But the <u>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. <sup>8</sup> And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.</u>

## 3. Agrees with nature of God

Agrees with character of God.

#### Psalm 100:5 (TLB)

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

## 4. Agrees with your shape

- Function follows form.
- Service follows how God shaped you for His calling, plan, and purpose.
- Workmanship determines the word.
- Good works should flow naturally according to your shape.

#### Romans 12:4 (GNT)

<sup>4</sup>We have many parts in the one body, and <u>all these parts have different functions</u>.

## Ephesians 2:10 (AMP)

<sup>10</sup> For we are <u>His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].</u>

#### 5. Brings peace

- Hearing God's voice always brings peace not confusion.
- God's peace is the umpire of your life.
- Following God's plans for our life will always bring peace.

## I Corinthians 14:33 (KJV)

<sup>33</sup> For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

#### Jeremiah 29:11 (AMP)

<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans *and* thoughts that I have for you,' says the LORD, 'plans for peace *and* well-being and not for disaster to give you a future and a hope.

## Hebrews 3:15 (KJV)

<sup>15</sup> While it is said, today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

- A hard heart keeps you from hearing God's voice.
- God does not speak to your logic or head. God speaks to your heart.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What five ways can you test to hear God's voice? What are the benefits of hearing God's voice?
- 2. What comes from building your life on God's Word?
- 3. Take-A-Way:
  - Declare daily "I am God's sheep and I hear God's voice." "I walk in God's Best."

## **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.

