

Reading: John 10:1-5

Topic: Learning How To Hear
From God

INTRODUCTION: Most people who serve and _____ the Lord Jesus want to know how to listen for and _____ His voice.

I. THE WORD OF GOD:

A. The Power & Blessing of Reading It:

1. The Lord pronounced a blessing upon those who would _____ the Word and then they would not just be reading words, but also _____ the voice of God speak. Rev. 1:3
2. The Word of God is our daily spiritual food, and it should be _____ each day, with care and with our prayer time, and through this we get to _____ what God is saying to us about life. Job 23:12
3. The written Word of God is God's expressed _____ for all people, and if people would read those written _____ and apply them to their lives, they would find the _____ of God.

B. The Preaching of The Word of God:

1. God has chosen the avenue of _____ and _____ of His Word to save people, and it is the way that most people first hear the _____ of God – through a teacher or preacher. I Cor. 1:18-21
2. The vessel that God is using to deliver the message of the _____ of God may not even know what are the circumstances of the _____ of someone who is listening, but God speaks through them. Heb. 4:12

II. THE PRAYER TIME:

A. Jesus' Instruction:

1. In Jesus' first major public teaching, He instructed the people how to properly _____ privately, and for them to go to a place where they could be _____ and shut out the noise of life. Mt. 6:5,6
2. When one gets into that quiet and private _____ with the Lord, one will be more likely to be able to _____ the voice of God speaking to them.

B. The Still Small Voice:

1. Most people do not hear the audible _____ of God speaking to them, although it happens on rare occasions to a very _____ individuals. Ex. 3:4,5
2. The way that most people hear from God is through the still small _____ inside that nudges them into the direction and action that the Lord is _____ them to take. I Kings 19:12
3. When the door to the outside world is shut, it is much easier to _____ on God and His Word, and then to _____ what the Spirit is saying. Rev. 2:7

III. CONFIRMATIONS OF GOD'S VOICE:

A. The Fleece:

1. Sometimes, because we are human, we have some doubt, so we will look for confirmation of the _____ of God by asking for a _____ of some kind. Judges 6:36-40
2. The use of a _____ or a fleece as it is also called, should not become a commonplace method of confirming the voice of God because it can become an avenue for the adversary to _____ or

deceive us. Mt. 24:24

B. Confirmation Through Others:

1. Sometimes we feel that we have _____ from God, but still desire some reassurance for confirmation, and God will use some other individual to speak a _____ to us, perhaps without even knowing that they are being used by God to confirm to us what God has given to us.
2. It is also wise to confer with an elder or a _____ and share what one feels is God giving them a direction for their involvement in a _____ or a mission.

C. Gifts of The Spirit:

1. We may have already heard the _____ of God and received direction, and then as an added assurance, in a meeting, God will speak in a message or a _____ and confirm again.
2. It is important to realize that when it comes to the _____ of God and His direction, the Gifts of the Spirit should not become our sole _____ of being led.

D. In Agreement With God's Word:

1. It is very important to remember that any _____, sign or input to your life that goes against the Word of God is not from God and you should reject it.
2. God's voice and God's Word always _____, thus whatever sign or voice that you get should be in harmony with the Scripture and not in conflict with it.

CONCLUSION: God's desire is for each of His children to _____ daily with Him and to live in His presence, being guided by _____ and the Word of God, and as a result, we will know the _____ of the Shepherd. John 10:27