

## The Voice of Lord

Many times in scripture we see God speaking to and through

- Adam, Noah, Abraham, Jacob
- Moses
- Samuel
- David
- Solomon
- The Prophets
- Jesus
- Peter and Paul

Does God's voice speak today? Is His voice familiar to us? Can we recognize His voice?

Familiar voice – spouse, child

**Saturday October 31, 2015 – heard God's Voice – sometime between 5am-6am after my first cup of coffee**

### Psalm 66:5-7

Come and see the works of God;

*He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men.*

He turned the sea into dry *land*;

They went through the river on foot.

There we will rejoice in Him.

He rules by His power forever;

His eyes observe the nations;

Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves.

- **The Word of God is the Voice of God**
- **2 Peter 1:2-4**
- **The knowledge of God leads to life and godliness**
- **How do we get the knowledge of God?**

The exhortation to hearing and listen to the Voice/Word of God

Old Testament – Turn to

**Deut. 13:4** “You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.”

**Deut. 13:17-18**, “So none of the accursed things shall remain in your hand, that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, have compassion on you and multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers, because you have listened to the **voice of the Lord your God**, to keep all His commandments which I command you today, to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord your **God**.”

**Deut. 15:4-5**, “for the LORD will greatly bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance— **only if** you carefully obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe with care all these commandments which I command you today.”

**Deut. 28:1**, “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your **God** will set you high above all nations of the earth.”

New Testament – John 10:1-6 – Turn to

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his

voice.<sup>5</sup> Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”<sup>6</sup> Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.”

John 14:9-11 **READ – See Jesus, see the Father (God), so if Jesus is God, Jesus’ words are God’s Words**

The results of the listening (reading) the Voice/Word of God

1. **Stills you** (not Rush) - Psalm 46:10 “Be **still**, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
2. **Leads you** (not Push) - Psalm 23:2-3 “He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He **leads** me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He **leads** me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.”
3. **Reassures you** (not Frighten) - Ephesians 3:12 “in whom we have boldness and access with **confidence** through faith in Him.”
4. **Enlightens you** (not Confuses) - Ephesians 1:18 “the eyes of your understanding being **enlightened**; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”
5. **Encourages you** (not Discourages) - Colossians 2:2 “that their hearts may be **encouraged**, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,”
6. **Comforts you** (not Worries) - Psalm 94:19 “In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your **comforts** delight my soul.”
7. **Calms or Brings Peace to you** (not Obsesses) - Mark 4:39 “Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “**Peace**, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great **calm**.”

John 14:27 – Public Reading – Brings Peace

8. **Convicts you** (not Condemns) – **TURN and READ** John 8:1-12 “Then those who heard it, being **convicted** by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.”  
**Jesus did not condemn her, rather He gave her hope through the forgiveness of her sins.**

John 3:31-36 (Rom. 3:23, 6:23, Rom. 5:8, John 3:16)

**3:36** “**He who believes in the Son has everlasting life;**”

- Believers need not wonder whether or not they have eternal life (or wait for the future judgment to see if eternal life will be granted or not).
- He who has the Son *has* (as in present ownership) eternal life ([1 John 5:11](#)). Thus, eternal life begins at the moment of spiritual rebirth.
- The question for individual believers, then, is: How does our way of living demonstrate the fact that we expect to live eternally?

**“he who does not believe the Son”**

- The NASB uses “obey” to translate *apeithon* (disobeying). *to disbelieve (willfully and perversely):—not believe, disobedient, obey not, unbelieving.*
- To disobey the Son is to reject him.
- To reject the Son’s testimony (Voice/Words) and the gospel (His message) is to cut ourselves off from the benefits available only through him.

**“shall not see life”**

- To *not see life* means to not experience God’s eternal life.

**“but the wrath of God abides on him.”**

- John, the author of this Gospel, has been demonstrating that Jesus is the true Son of God.
- Jesus sets before us the greatest choice in life.
- We are responsible to decide today whom we will obey ([Joshua 24:15](#)).
- God wants us to choose him and life ([Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)).
- God’s wrath is his final judgment and rejection of the sinner.
- To put off the choice is to choose not to follow Christ. Indecision is a fatal decision.

Application – Listen for the Voice of God through the Word of God