

The Voice of God

Today God has led me to talk about the voice of the Lord

Psalm 29

- 1 Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD *is* over the waters;
The God of glory thunders;
The LORD *is* over many waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD *is* powerful;
The voice of the LORD *is* full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,
Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes them also skip like a calf,
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth,
And strips the forests bare;
And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sat *enthroned* at the Flood,
And the LORD sits as King forever.
- 11 The LORD will give strength to His people;
The LORD will bless His people with peace.

We see here many examples of the power of God's voice.

- Bob Hamp - Suicidal woman who heard 'peace'.
- His voice is accompanied by His **peace** and His **power**.
- Hebrews 11:3 - By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.
 - God's voice is more than just **instruction**... it is **construction**.

You are meant to hear God's voice

- It is not just for the 'special servants of God'. ("Yeah, but you're a preacher.")
- John 10:27 - My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Safeguards

Never contradicts scripture

- Isaiah 8:20 (NLT) - Look to God's instructions and teachings! People who contradict His word are completely in the dark.

- I heard a story of a man who fasted 40 days and ‘God said leave the church’. First voice Jesus heard after 40 days was Satan’s!
- I’ve had several Christians try to convince me it was God’s will for them to leave their spouse. There were no Biblical grounds. The fruit was not good for them and their children.
- Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God *is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*
- God’s Word keeps us from deceiving ourselves.

Does not contradict God’s nature

- James 3:17 - But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.
 - Even if it’s correction, it brings peace.
 - “willing to yield” – open to guidance

On big decisions, get godly counsel

How do I hear God?

- Have a relationship with Him
 - This begins when you first hear and respond to His voice to come to Him as Savior and Lord.
 - John 5:25 - *Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.*
- Being filled with the Holy Spirit helps
 - Second Sunday – Spirit Empowered Life
- Go ahead, ask Him!
 - God can speak in complete sentences!
 - God speaks to your spirit
 - “What do You want to say to me?”
 - God will not only provide for you but give you guidance during this time of uncertainty.
 - Some of you are hearing Him say, right now, “Give your life to Me.”
 - If you will respond, you will live, and begin a relationship with the living God.