

## Hearing God's Voice in the Word Wednesday, January 31, 2024

**Stewardship:** *2 Corinthians 9:7-8 NLT*<sup>7</sup> You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."<sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

Pastor Alan has been teaching us how to hear God's voice and I'm going to continue along those lines tonight and talk about how we can hear God's voice in the Bible.

Does God talk to people today? Absolutely. In every covenant from Genesis to Revelation God communicated with His people and He has not stopped, however, we must learn to listen.

*Jeremiah 22:21 Amplified. I spoke to you in your times of prosperity, but you said, I will not listen!*

It's usually in times of great need that we seek God's voice and help. However, God desires to talk to us all the time, but we must learn to listen.

God can speak to us in various ways, however, the safest way to hear from God is through the **Written Word of God.**

Greek – Logos = The expression of thought. The Bible is the expression of God's thoughts concerning man on the earth.

The Bible contains the thoughts of God.

The Bible shows us how to live and conduct ourselves.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God<sup>[a]</sup> may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

- For Teaching – Scriptures instruct us.
- For reproof – Scriptures show us when we are wrong.
- For correction – Scriptures show us how to correct our behavior.
- For training – Show us how to avoid making the same mistakes.
- For equipping us for good works.

The Bible is a text book.

The Bible is a manual for life.

The Bible is a love letter.

How do we hear as God speaks through the Word?

*Isaiah 50:4-5 Amplified. The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning. He wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.*

You hear God's voice through your heart, not your natural ears. If you write the word "H E A R T" you will notice there is another word in the center of that word. You have an ear in the center of your heart.



HEART

THERE IS AN EAR IN THE CENTER  
OF YOUR HEART

This is the deepest part of your being where you hear God speak to you. In the Bible, as you read you will find scriptures that cause you to stop and think, because you perceive God's voice speaking to you.

Now listen to our verse in Isaiah again:

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God's Part: God awakens your ear to listen like one being taught.  
Your Part: You must listen.

I like to read with a journal or notebook, so I can record what I think I hear as God speaks to me from Scripture.

### OUR 365 Reading Plan:

Let me talk a little about our 365 Reading Plan. Each day we read a chapter in the New Testament; a chapter in the Old Testament; one proverb and one psalm.

Don't skip around or open and point trying to find a word from God. Simply read. As you listen with your heart, you will hear God speaking from His Word to your heart.

*Hebrews 4:12 Amplified Classic <sup>12</sup> For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the <sup>[a]</sup>breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature],*

*exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.*