

Why is it important to hear the voice of God?

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Many people who believe in Jesus are always questioning their faith to make sure that they are in the right path. And this is wise thing to do, to constantly check if they have not strayed away. Some of them have been Christians for a long time without experiencing the presence of God in their lives. Therefore, they don't understand what is meant by having a relationship with Jesus. When we hear from God and we obey his instructions and do things for God then that's called a relationship. But we can't do anything for God without hearing from Him. If we just do what is basically commanded in the bible, then we are only blindly following the instructions set by the bible, and this form of living is very dry because we do not see the presence of God in what we do. Sometimes, we may be wasting our resources to help an unrepentant man since we do it because it was commanded us to do good. That's like throwing our pearls to pigs and dogs without knowing if they needed it.

Jesus said my sheep hear my voice and a strangers voice they will not follow, because they know my voice. This has been misinterpreted to hearing the voice of God through church teachings and this has caused many to not to learn how to hear the Rhema voice of God. The voice of God is the Rhema word of God, the spoken word. It is well to mention here that you cannot take one scripture to form a doctrine. but you must confirm a

matter by using two to three different words in the bible to see what it truly means. Here are the scriptures that tell us what to do on hearing the voice of God.

Deuteronomy 28:13 New International Version

13 The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

You cannot expect to overcome your situation without the guidance of God on your particular problem, unless you can receive from Him unique instructions or commands which He will give to you in such a time like now. God is real and He can talk to you. He didn't just write book so that He doesn't need to speak to you. He is alive and He speaks to us even now.

John 10:27 New International Version

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:4-5 New International Version

4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

This verse literally talks about voice and not sermons or message taught in the church. So many who say you can hear the voice of God or the word of God through the church or just the bible scripture alone is not true. And many pastors are guilty of raising deaf sheep. For that they will have to repent when they meet Jesus. So how do you know if I am speaking the truth? I shall give you more of what Jesus said.

Matthew 4:4 New International Version

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'[a]"

Here it says man shall not live on bread alone, I tell you the truth bread refers to the scripture or the logos, the written word of God and the word that comes from the mouth of God refers to His spoken words to you. This is the fresh manna in the story of Moses. Only the fresh manna has the life-giving power for you to be the head and not the tail. Because God can counsel you only when you can hear His voice. Jesus also mentioned those who read the bible only and the consequences they faced in this verse.

John 5:39-40 New International Version

39 You study[a] the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

You must seek Jesus by hearing His voice in order that you may learn how to gain eternal life. The Holy Spirit's voice is the one you must hear to learn from Jesus because He is the promised guide for you into all truths in the bible. Even the pastors themselves are still trying to learn themselves and they cannot give you what they do not have or know. So only the Holy Spirit can tell you things you do not know.

Most Christians are not experiencing the overcoming victorious life because they only feed on the logos and not the Rhema. Only the Rhema can give you today's instructions to navigate your current situations. The logos are the static instructions which you do not need to ask God but you can just obey but on more important matters, the logos can't provide you with the answers only Jesus can tell you. But to be fair, if the Holy Spirit were to inspire the Logos and it becomes a Rhema then it can be useful. That means you can only hear from God when you read your bible. Hearing from God can be anywhere and anytime with or without your bible. That's the power of God if you can hear His voice. Consequently, those who hear His voice are living the best life now, because God can talk to them anytime

He needs to. You simply can't pick any scripture you like and say that's the voice of God, that's your own understanding and not God's word for you today, that's why you are not feeling the presence of God in your life.

Isaiah 48:18 New International Version

18 If only you had paid attention to my commands,
your peace would have been like a river,
your well-being like the waves of the sea.

Isaiah 30:21 New International Version

21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

In order to live the best life now, you have to be able to hear the voice of God so that He can instruct you the way you should go. He can advise you which partner to choose, which business deal to take, which investment to make and when to make it; that can only happen when you can hear His voice. Without the ability to hear His voice, He can't give you any commands to follow. Commands means instructions. You can learn how to hear His voice by reading my book, titled, My Sheep Hear My Voice by Joseph Ho.

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