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HOW TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD

“He who is of God hears God’s words.”

John 8:47.

WE MUST REPENT FROM THE FOLLOWING HINDRANCES TO HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD.

Examples:

- 1. Not believing the Word of God absolutely and without question.**
- 2. Not acting upon the Word of God.**
- 3. Not trusting God.**
- 4. Not having a good relationship with God.**
Example: A husband and wife talking but not listening to each other because of a poor relationship.
Distant relationship = distant voice.
Close relationship = close voice.
- 5. Not honouring our parents.**
- 6. Not forgiving others.**
- 7. Not putting God first in our lives.**
- 8. Not repenting from all sin. Our sin separates us from God and we will not hear Him. (Isaiah 59:1-2).**

HOW DO WE HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD?

- 9. By praising and worshipping Him daily.**
- 10. By loving God as a Father with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.**
By loving our neighbour as ourselves.
(Mark 12:30-31).
By loving one another as Jesus loved us. (John 13:34).

11. **By having a close relationship with God, walking and talking with Him (i.e. Enoch – Genesis 5:24).**
 If we have a good relationship with God as a Father then we will believe and trust Him. “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” (James 4:8).
 We must have a good relationship with our earthly father if we are going to have a good relationship with God as our Father. We need to honour our father and mother in order to be delivered from the curses of the law (Deuteronomy 28:16-68). Jesus fulfilled this deliverance by becoming a curse for us by hanging on a cross (Galatians 3:13-14).
 If our father is dead then we should honour his memory no matter what he may have done to us.
12. **By knowing God’s anointing (1 John 2:20 & 27). A strong anointing makes it easier to hear God.**
13. **By thought, impression, vision or audible voice.**
14. **By prayer and fasting. This will bring us closer to God.**
15. **By dying to self (Galatians 2:20). He must increase and we must decrease. (John 3:30).**
16. **By yielding absolutely to God by following His commandments.**
17. **By crucifying our fleshly lusts (Matthew 16:24) and obeying God.**
18. **By having a servant-heart (Matthew 20:28).**

Example: Praying and caring for the sick, the needy and those who need deliverance.

The more often you pray for others with compassion, the more clearly you will hear the voice of God.

19. By having absolute belief in the Word of God and its power.

20. By reading the Word of God regularly and acting upon it.

21. By having faith in God.

Mark 11:22-24 says, "So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.

For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." What is not of faith is sin. (Romans 14:23).

22. By believing that we will hear the voice of God.

Jesus says He will speak to us. He says this in John 10:27-29, "My sheep hear My voice." We must believe this.

John 16:13 says, "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

23. By frequently speaking in tongues. When we do so we are speaking to God

by our spirit. (1 Corinthians 14:2).

We should do this regularly. This will help us hear the voice of God because we will draw closer to Him.

24. By repenting from all sin.

Sin is defined as follows in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21;

Ephesians 5:3-4; Revelation 21:8.

Fornication (having sex outside of marriage)

Idolatry (placing other things before God, e.g. having other gods or idolising persons and/or things ahead of God).

Adultery

Homosexuality

Sodomy

Thieving

Covetousness (lustful desire for the property of others and greedy for gain).

Reviling (cursing).

Extortion

Uncleanness e.g. bad language

Lewdness e.g. pornography, bestiality.

Envy

Hatred

Contentions (causing fights).

Jealousies

Outbursts of wrath

Foolish talking

Coarse jesting, i.e. dirty jokes.

Selfish ambitions

Dissension (causing discord among the brethren).

Drunkenness

Revelries e.g. wild parties.

Cowardly i.e. not following Jesus Christ.

Murder e.g. unnecessary abortion.

Lying

The unbelieving

The abominable

Heresies e.g. Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.

Sorcery which includes the following:

Fortune telling - Horoscopes

Heavy metal rock (suicides) - Ouija Boards

Drugs - Charms

New Age - Worship of the Creation,

Spiritism - séances

Witchcraft - Freemasonry

Martial Arts: Kung Fu, Aikido,

Tae Kwon Do, Karate, Tai Chi,

Judo (rooted in Taoism and Buddhism.)

Druids

Eastern religions: Yoga, TM, ESP, Hypnosis (Hinduism, goddess Shiva).

25. SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO PRACTICE HEARING FROM GOD.

Alternative 1.

A. "And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied." (Acts 19:6.)

When hands are laid for the baptism of the Holy Spirit there should be an expectation for a manifestation of tongues and prophecy.

Alternative 2.

B. An excellent way to hear the voice of God is to pray with other people. As we show compassion and are prepared to serve God in this manner, He will honour us with thoughts, impressions, visions or His audible voice.

Suggested procedure.

1. Ask the participants to stand in pairs so

that they can pray for each other. They should decide who will pray first.

2. The person who is going to pray should ask the other person whether they need prayer for healing and if so their particular need. If a person does not need prayer for healing then the roles should be reversed.

3. Everybody should now wait for a few minutes upon the Lord for His anointing to fall upon them. This will happen as they believe. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20.)

He is present by the Holy Spirit who will manifest His presence and power among us. It is the Holy Spirit who will speak to us as He hears from God. (John 16:13-14.)

4. The person who is going to pray should now wait for an impression from the Lord as to where they should stand in relation to the other person, e.g. in front, beside or behind them.

5. Next they should wait for an impression from the Lord as to where they should lay their hands on the other person, e.g. on their head, neck, shoulders, back, hips, hands or legs. If they receive the impression that they should lay their hands on the person's chest or stomach they should ensure that the person puts their hands there first. The person praying can put their hands on top of the other person's hands.

6. Next they should wait upon the Lord for an impression as to how they should pray and what should be said. As they believe they will receive a very clear idea as to what they should do.

7. When they do this, the impression may come that there is some blockage preventing healing such as unforgiveness, rejection, anger, failure to honour parents, involvement in the occult, freemasonry or some other sin. If this happens, God will give wisdom as to how the other person is told. A tentative suggestion should be made such as, "I feel the Lord is raising the question of...." If the person being prayed for is genuine in their desire to receive healing then they will respond appropriately. If they admit to any such problem that has been raised, then they should be led in a prayer of repentance.

8. Prayer should now take place. We must always remember that God will help us with the words to pray. As we pray in the name of Jesus we should be exercising faith that God is hearing our prayer.

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." (1 John 5:14-15.)

9. As the anointing grows, a demonic manifestation may occur. The person praying should recognise their authority in Jesus to bind the spirit. The Lord will give discernment and wisdom in dealing with that situation.

10. As the above routine is practised, people will realise increasingly that they are getting impressions from the Lord, thus hearing His voice.

Alternative 3.

C. The doorway to hearing the voice of

God can be prophecy in accordance with 1 Corinthians 14:3.

This is speaking out words of edification, exhortation and comfort which we believe the Lord is giving us for another person or group of persons.

A method of encouraging people into this gift is to ask them to break into small groups.

Then they should begin to practice the gift of prophecy by encouraging each person in the group to say something that they believe the Lord wants them to speak out to the group.

As they do this, speaking in the first person for example, "I love you my people and I'm with you at this time," they can be encouraged to move in prophecy. As they are encouraged to continue speaking out in faith they will find that the Holy Spirit will give them further words to speak.

As they practice speaking out in this way, believing to hear from God, then others in the group will witness in their spirit whether this is from God thereby encouraging them.

We should also encourage individual people to sing in the spirit believing for that person, or another, to bring the interpretation in English. As we become a vessel of God's love we will find that the Holy Spirit will speak through us words of edification, exhortation and comfort as a blessing to others.



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