

How to Hear the Voice of God

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Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word because brother, you need to word.

In the few weeks ago, Pastor told me about a dream that he had and he said it was very vivid. And he called me right away early that morning and he said that in the dream I was up preaching and I had on the gold suit. And I was preaching about something related to one of his messages and some other powerful things went on to happen after that message. So I figured tonight, I better my gold suit in and preach about something related to past series, so we'll see what happens later in the weeks following. But I figured at least I can do this part as a dreamer. I'll let God handle the other part.

So as I speak to you this day from the subject of "How to Hear the Voice of God". How to hear the voice of God? And as Pastor told you today as his 55th birthday and I am 37 years old and while I was eating at a restaurant this week with Pastor, the waitress came to the table and she looked at both of us. And she said are you all twins? And I wanted to say, "Lady, do you know this man is old enough to be my daddy?" He's 18 years older than I am and she asked if we were twins. And that did two things at the same time. Number one, it made me feel old and number two, it made him feel young. But I mentioned that to say that much of Pastor's youth is from him following the voice of God. And over half of the things their on is daily listed God gave him to do each day. They concern preservation of His body. So his youthful looking that he was talking about and that you could see is not by accident. He's doing several things everyday to preserve his physical body that God instructed him. So you can see just looking at the Pastor, evidence of the reward of following the voice of God.

And myself, I don't really hear the voice of God in an audible manner like the Pastor and Profit Dexter, here and my wife Stephanie. God mostly speaks to me through dropping messages in my spirit and kind of like what the old folks use to say and know something in and know that's how I feel a lot of times. And He also speaks to me through spiritual dreams that He gives me frequently, speaks to people in different ways.

A few months ago, I had a dream that somebody is trying to attack me and he put a bomb in my locker, so it would go off when I opened it. And that same morning, I had to go to an occasion and my wife had to go to court with somebody. And she texted me from court and said to pray for me, I'm locked in the courthouse because of a bomb threat that they have closed down the entire courthouse and not letting anybody in or out. I had already been praying about the situation, so He let me know through a dream that morning to be interceding for my wife and He can speak to you in different ways.

So, I'm going to give you this service, some supplemental keys to past series on how to know the voice of God. These keys would be how to hear the voice of God. Key

number one is to have a strong desire to hear His voice. And He gives us the desires of our hearts not just the things we desire but He actually even puts desires in our heart, giving us the desires of our heart. And if you desire strong enough to hear His voice, then He will speak unto you. And you've got to have desire as this first key because if you don't have a strong desire. You won't have the fortitude to do that it takes to follow through with everything that is required. And I've had a desire to hear the voice of God better for a long time now. And I see my wife just ask a question of God and ask and they just hear the answer. I see the Pastor do that and I even have three of my kids are able to do that. Sometimes daddy has to ask them to ask God something for the house.

And I tell you, the only consolation I get is from my mother and she's up in age and then praying, been a praying partner all these years and she still hears me saying, it's difficult to hear from God. So that gives me some consolation, I can tell myself I guess I inherited my spiritual ears from my mother. And I've read about three books on the subject in the past couple of months and grow in it in each month in order to hear His voice better. So you must first desire it, then you need to analyze the motivation behind your desire.

Do you wish to hear and to draw closer to Him, to sup with Him, to know His will to do it? Or do you desire His voice to guide you to make more money to get you out of a strain that you're in? Or do you want to hear to make you appear most spiritual? So just examine your heart with this first key of desire and make sure that that desire is in purity and has the right motive behind it.

Key number two is to develop discipline so that you will be ready to obey His voice when you hear it. And if you know that you like discipline and will fall off of what He tells you to do, then don't go any further and be still. Because it's better for you not to know His will and not doing it than to know it and not do it, there's an extra penalty that comes on if when you have knowledge of it and then don't do it. So, if you know you're undisciplined and not going to do these things, it's better for you not even go on for these other steps. Just to tell yourself I'm going to wait until I get my self ready first, so that I can obey what He tells me to do."

And you might ask, "How do you develop discipline and know that you're ready?" And I would say that you can get discipline daily in the things that you know are of His will without a doubt first of all. And two things that fit in that category are first of all, doing daily Bible reading and prayer and you can start off with 15 minutes each and get discipline on reading your Word each day. And praying each day 15 minutes each and one of the keys Pastor gave last week was to know the Word. How can you know the Word if you don't read the Word or listen to the word in audio form?

You've got to read, hear it and I can tell you right now if you don't do these two things consistently after hearing the message, then you won't do what God tells you to do consistently when He gives you something or fool yourself thinking it's going to be easy if God tell you if He's told you in His Word to do these things, the preachers are telling you to do these things, you all know everybody know they ought to do these things.

So if you can't be consistent with these things, then you would be inconsistent of what God directly tells you to do. These two forms are solid foundation for anything you hear in the spirit. The prayer portion will sensitize your spiritual ears and make sure that you live at least five minutes of the end of that prayer time to just sit and meditate in his presence and just listen to see what he has to say to you, that silence will give your ears a chance to tune to his voice and allow him to speak. And how can you ever hear if you do all the talking? And that's a problem in a lot of relationships. I ought to get some Amens on that one.

And we're creative in God's image and likeness. And He didn't create you to like relationships whereas somebody else does all of the talking without listening to what you have to say nor that He create you to like being around somebody that ask for stuff all of the time. Nobody likes that. Do you know folks that say -- hey let me holla you for a minute. And when you know that, you just know Lord (00:09:44) something from you.

Well, you shouldn't get ready to pray when you start, "Oh God." Say, "Oh boy, I know they're going to ask for something." Like you're saying, "Hey, God, let me holla at you for a minute." He just knows that you're going to ask him for something. So, we don't like to be around those type of people. And we're created in His images, so He doesn't like that. That's not the proper to form a prayer relationship with Him. The Bible says He inhabits the praises of His people. He didn't say He don't have us to request, the complaints, or the idle chatter of his people.

Psalms 100:4 says "To enter to His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise, be thankful into Him and blesses His name." And if you want to get close enough to hear Him, the Bible gives you two keys to follow in this verse. Praise and thanksgiving is to gate code to enter in and I live in gated community myself. And if I were standing on my porch talking to you on a normal tone of voice and you were at my gate and you didn't have the code. No matter what I was saying to you, you couldn't hear me, because the gate is a good way away from my house. But if you have the code of thanksgiving and punch that hand on the little code box in front of my subdivision then you'll be able to come in and then looking for my address. My address would be praised and that will usher you in to the court, and as I'm standing upon the porch talking to you, it would draw you in through the gates into the courtyard and you would be able to -- my tone of voice hasn't changed

but as you draw in with these two keys, it will then allow you to come into my presence and then hear what I'm saying and that is how God is. It's kind of like a paradise, you move without moving you, shift into another dimension where He is.

And even though my presence would not have moved or changed, as you that would have entered into my presence and we would have been able to then co-habituate the same space. And that's why the atmosphere can change on a service and one person can be there weeping with tears. And the person sitting right next to him, not feel anything and he can be looking around and what's wrong with those people, why are they getting so excited? You have to be tuned-in to the spiritual dimension to feel the spirit and hear the spirit.

And you can remember the Profit Elijah and his servant, Elijah wasn't worrying about the war and his servant was fretting and Elijah prayed that God would open the eyes of His servant and when his eyes are open, he saw chariots all around and he said there's more that are with us than against us. So you have to be in the spiritual dimension to see and hear.

Key number three is to purify yourself before you come before it. And this was a key something that even my wife's Stephanie heard God speak at the end of service on last week. I give you three things to cleanse yourself off. Come in into His present to hear His voice and number is sins. So you should ask for forgiveness and repent off your sins, analyze yourself and your heart then keep yourself holy from sin because if you just gotten through fornicating to pray at night and then you come before and they get in this presence to pray, that thing is going to flashing before, you're going be ashamed and you say, "Oh my God, what if he'd see what I did last night?" That stuff with flash back up in front of your eyes. So it will make you do like Adam, and want to hide yourself because of the nakedness of your sin. And sin makes us feel unworthy to be in His presence unashamed, so you've got to cleanse yourself.

Number two is to cleanse yourself of opinions, traditions, thought patterns and what you think is right because if you all read and knew the answer, then there's no need of asking God. And Pastors, as we see all of the time people are come for counseling and no matter what you tell him, if he's not what they came out here, he'd not going to accept it. So they're just coming there and really to hear what they already thought was right and what they want to do.

So, we have to clear out all of our preconceptions about what we think the best way to do something is if we're coming to seek God on you. You may have traditions. I tell you God is not a traditional god, He'll do some unorthodox things. He moves in some ways. People were expecting Jesus to always heal the blind with a laying out of hand, but one night He spit in, got some clay, put it on the man's eyes so He'll do some things that unorthodox. I've seen healers where they just punch people in the

stomach and tumor all dissipates. There are all type of way that God or move that don't fit with your regular, logical mind.

Number three; cleanse yourself of the cares of this world. Don't think about work, and your spouse and kids, the news, your health, what you have to do the next day and your list of to do things from work. All of these things, when you think about other stuff in His presence, it's like going out on a romantic date with your partner and sitting at the table and they bring the meals there and you there playing with your phone, responding to text and somebody calls and they say, "Are you busy?" "Ah-no, "I got a minute here, let me talk with--." And other person is waiting there wanting to eat and talking fellowship with you. That's how God feel when we're supping with Him and we let these all the folks and cares of the world come in and distract us from His presence is just like that feeling out on a date.

Key number four is to ask God a question and then listen for the answer. And that's sound very simple but you'd be surprise how many people they go through a lot of rhythm and role with a lot of other stuff that they didn't ever asked. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." He speaks in different ways, Pastor, he give seven ways God speaks to us in message number 5498, part 2 of his series.

And one time I was in my prayer closet and my money was running low and I just trying to figure on how I was going to pay all of my bills and some of you might not can relate to me but I was just there and I was praying to the Lord, I said "Lord, I've got all these seven kids and my money was not what I though it was going to be at this point, this are just running tight, I've got to pay these bills and I said, I just need to hear from you that everything will be all right."

I didn't hear in order of a voice but what happen the second I prayed that prayer and just crying out to Him, there was an alarm clock that was in the closet and this is not one that we use and it never goes off. I just heard an alarm and something go off after I prayed that prayer and I had to find it. It was under some clothes somewhere and I wanted to finish my prayer, so I went to hit snooze and who set this clock, the snooze didn't cut it off, let me just it off. I shut it off and it didn't stop.

I pushed every button on that alarm clock and that clock would not cut off and I said thank you Lord I hear you speaking that this was a sign to me that everything will be all right. And I had to pull out batteries out of that clock to get it to stop, that was the only way I could get it to stop.

Key number five is to record what He tells you. And we find so many times with the word of the Lord that one word can change the whole meaning of what He says. So

it's important to have a written record to refer back to the later because you just won't be able to remember everything verbatim. Spiritual hearing is like a mist if you don't capture it right then. The next hour, it just fades away. You might remember words and bits and pieces but you need to get a journal and write down what you hear. Even our own Pastor within the last and I would say week, there has been two spiritual things. These are things that he told me in the past that God told him. So these are not things I got from God. There are stuff he told me that God told him.

And I reminded -- and situation came on and I said, "Didn't God tell you about that?" and I don't remember that one. And it happened on two occasions in the past week. God you told him two things and it just happen to tell me when I went to mention it to him -- and memory experts said you've got two levels of memory. The hardest level is recall when you just have to pull up something out of thin air. The easiest is recognition, you now see a face I remember them from somewhere. He couldn't even operate their recognition. I told him what the Lord say and he's still, "You sure?" He's still didn't remember. So that's why you have to write this stuff now. Am I telling the truth Pastor?

Key number seven, well, key number six, sorry I skip one. See in my mind, forgot number six but I've got it written so I can go back. Key number six is to test the message. And Pastors, entire four part series messages 5497 through message 5500, deals with how they're testing message to make sure it's from God and not yourself or evil sources. So if you just go back and listen to those four messages, it will give you the keys to be able to test a message properly.

Then I want you to verify that the message is truly of God out of that series, key number seven, the final key, is to be diligent in following what He tells you to do. You know a lot of people come to me for advice, people who repetitively, I give them advice and they just do what they were going to do anyway. I stopped even giving them advice and you're just wasting my time. So and that's the way that God is. So if he tells you thing and thing after thing and you're just not doing it, he's just quiet His voice and just wait till you do what He's already told you to do.

Pastor talked about the healing service where people would come repetitively and he would -- God just say ask Him what I already told him and he's not -- he haven't done it. So you've got to be diligent in the things that God tells you to do. If you want continual guidance from Him if you want to Him to speak again, do what He last spoke to you. And another part of just giving you a safety net against outside influences of evil is dealing with the atmosphere you're in even if when you hear. And this can safeguard you from the wrong spirit.

We took a trip to Greece and on the tour there, they took us by an ancient place that's famous called the Oracle of Delphi, you may have heard of it. And as we got

out of the bus, the Lord spoke to Pastor and said while you're touring these grounds, ask no questions. And God knew that they were ancient Pagan spirits that inhabited that place acting as an oracle. And that man were giving messages that sounded powerful that would deceive their minds. So He told him don't ask any questions in this place.

The atmosphere is important even on what you hear. And ideas and messages from the spirit are like seeds in a garden, whatever type of atmosphere, the seed that's in will determine what will grow there and if you will set the atmosphere and fill it with God's presence and then be still to know that He is God. He'll speak to you in one form or another.

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