

Listening To The Voice Of God

John 10:1-5 [New King James] *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and **the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.** And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”*

Every Christian needs to listen to the voice of our Shepherd, **not** that of human strangers.

This article aims to show a checklist to help us distinguish when God is speaking to us.

One point, of course, is not sufficient in itself to prove or disprove the voice of God, but these principles together help us to discern more accurately the voice of God, that is, the Holy Spirit.

God tends to speak gently

1 Kings 19:11-12 [New King James] *“Then He said, ‘Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.’ And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.”*

When God spoke to Elijah it was in a gentle whisper.

If a voice within us drives us and demands like a pushy, used-car salesman.

It is **not** God speaking.

God seldom urges sudden action without giving us time to reason through the issues involved.

God’s voice produces freedom

Matthew 11:28-30 [New King James] *“Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*

The yoke referred to was a comfortable shaped implement of wood that joined a lead animal and a younger one learning the task involved.

If we allow Jesus Christ to show us how to live our life we will be freed from the power of death which Satan uses to put people into bondage to him, [Hebrews 2:14-15].

God tends to speak while we are consciously seeking Him

As we study and meditate on the Words of God, the Christian Bible, the Holy Spirit will lead us into understanding the mind of God more deeply, [John 16:13] by bringing to remembrance the words of scripture that will help us to love the Creator God more deeply, [John 14:26].

God always speaks the truth

John 14:6 [New King James] *“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”*

Jesus Christ personified the truth, God will not and cannot contradict His Word, the Christian Bible.

John 17:17 [New King James] *“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”*

It is through God’s Word, the truth, that we will become pure, blameless and consecrated to our Creator God, fulfilling the very reason for our existence, [**Genesis 1:26-27**].

When in moments of human despair we feel “nobody loves me” or “I can’t do anything right” or “I am no good” these are half-truths that come from self or Satan, not God.

For the love, value and concern that God has for each of us, the truth, is illustrated in the life, teaching and sacrifice of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

God’s Word convicts us of specific sins

John 16:8 [New King James] *“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”*

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgement, the sins are usually very specific, and if we are convicted, confess and repent of that sin, forgiveness through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is complete, [**Isaiah 43:25**], we are left with a clear conscience.

Self or Satan, on the other hand leaves us with a haunting guilt that is not tied to a specific sin, this is the “accuser of the brethren” at work, [Revelation 12:10].

The voice of God will not bring confusion

1 Corinthians 14:33 [New King James] *“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”*

God is never the author of confusion, if in His Word, the Christian Bible, there seems to be conflict of meaning it is because a scripture has been taken out of context or isolated from other relative scriptures.

John 8:41-47 [New King James] *“‘You do the deeds of your father.’ Then they said to Him, ‘We were not born of fornication; we have one Father, God.’ Jesus said to them, ‘If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.’”*

It is Satan who is the father of all lies and liars, he never tells the truth. Yet it is to Satan’s voice that this present world is listening.

Ephesians 2:1-2 [New King James] *“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”*

Listening to the half-truths and lies that are constantly promoted through radio, TV and the internet.

It is through this media and the direct possession of his demons in the lives of some humans that Satan has world control at this time, [1 John 5:19].

Satan is the God that this world worships, [2 Corinthians 4:4].

Jesus Christ did **not** deny that it was Satan’s to give, [Matthew 4:8-9].

This is where all the confusion in society and world governments comes from, it is not from the One true Creator God.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 [New King James] *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”*

Satan has filled this world with false religions and false ministers, all claiming to bring an “enlightened” way of life to all who follow them and submit to their rules and regulations.

This is how Satan has deceived the whole world, [Revelation 12:9].

This deception of Satan will be brought to a halt, and Satan knows it will happen, [Revelation 12:12] and Satan also knows his end, [Revelation 20:1-3, 10; Jude 6, 13].

In the end the Word of God will prevail and the only voice that human beings will hear will be the voice of the Creator God.