

THE VOICE

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How can you know the voice you are hearing is the voice of God?

This is a very important question, developing that ear to discern the voice of God is the difference between life and death or success or failure. Discernment is probably the most essential spiritual discipline to your success and holistic well-being.

- **PowerPoint:** Discernment is my God given internal compass that directs me to the right people, the right place and reveals to me the right plans at the right time.

1 Kings 3:5-9 KJV– [5] *In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. 6] And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7] And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. 8] And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. 9] Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may (discern) between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?*

Discern = biyn (pronounced like bean)

- 1: To separate mentally (or distinguish)
- 2: To have understanding
- 3: To consider
- 4: To be cunning
- 5: Direction
- 6: Feel
- 7: Inform
- 8: Instruct
- 9: Have intelligence
- 10: To know
- 11: To Mark
- 12: To perceive
- 13: To be prudent, regard
- 14: To view and then deal wisely

Luke 12:54-56 KJV- [54] And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. 55] And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass. 56] Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time

Discern = dokimázō

- 1: To test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not)
- 2: To recognize as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy

Acts 17:24-27 KJV - [24] *God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25] Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26] And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27] That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:*

God is all knowing, all power, infinite, expansive and exclusive, we miss God when we are looking for some overpowering, overwhelming force to overtake us, that identifies itself as God.

The prophet Hosea ministered to God's people Israel during one of the most prosperous eras in their history. Eventually in the midst of all their prosperity, Israel began to backslide.

“A saint backslides one act of disobedience at a time; the culminate affect of those repeated acts of disobedience is what places us outside of the will of God”. +BJET

Hosea 5:12-14 KJV - [12] *Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth.....{14} But just two verses later he says, that I, (GOD) will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah:*

Hosea's prophecy to Israel reveals a great insight about discernment; it illustrates 2 ways God speaks to his people.

1: If we will be sensitive, receptive and obedient to the Holy Spirits voice when the Spirit desires to guide us, God will approach us with the gentleness of a moth. However....

2: If we are rebellious and resistant to the voice of God, he will come to us like a lion.

It is a beautiful thing to be gently led by the Holy Spirit. There is great peace in that posture with God.

Psalm 119:165 KJV-*Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.*

As gentle as a moth, God desires to direct us and show us his way.

Hosea 5:15 KJV - *[15] I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.*

II. How will I know it is God speaking to me?

1 John 4:1-6 KJV - *[1] Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2] Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3] And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4] Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. [5] They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6] We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*

III. Don't let the flesh fool you {The Issac Experiment}

❖ Review Gen 27

➤ **PowerPoint:** *Jacob trusted what he FELT with his hands more than what he heard with his heart.*

IV. The 4 voices

- 1: The voice of God
- 2: The voice of Satan or his delegated spokesperson
- 3: The voice of people (opinions)
- 4: Your own inner voice

Ways we can know it is or is NOT GOD speaking to us.

- 1: If we feel great confusion.....its not God.

1 Corinthians 14:33 KJV - *[33] For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

Numbers 9:21-23 KJV - *[21] And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. 22] Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed. 23] At the commandment of the Lord they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed: they kept the charge of the Lord, at the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.*

John 14:17,20 KJV - *[17] Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [20] At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.*

- 1: Our body is the outer court
- 2: Our soul or mind is the inner court
- 3: Our spirit is the holy of holies

➤ **PowerPoint:** God now dwells in a three-room house; Body, Soul and Spirit.

Proverbs 20:27 KJV - [27] *The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord , searching all the inward parts of the belly.*

Ephesians 3:16-17 KJV - [16] *That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17] That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*

- **PowerPoint:** We have to be SPIRIT CONSCIOUS in order to hear God's voice and receive his direction.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJV - [23] *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- **PowerPoint:** We are a spirit, living within a body, and we possess a soul, which is our mind, will and emotions.

V. Your Spiritual Alarm System

1: Your spirit can be stirred

Acts 17:16 KJV - [16] *Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.*

2: You can be led by your spirit

Romans 8:14 KJV - [14] *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

3: Your spirit can have purpose

Acts 19:21 KJV - [21] *After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.*

4: You can be bound in your spirit

Acts 20:22 KJV - [22] *And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:*

5: Your spirit can give you peace about the right direction

Isaiah 28:16 KJV - [16] *Therefore thus saith the Lord God , Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone , a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

2 Corinthians 2:12-13 KJV - [12] *Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, 13] I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.*

- **PowerPoint:** *The absence of peace in your spirit is usually God's way of saying NO or NOT NOW.*
- **PowerPoint:** *Right moves have to be made at the right time to experience right results.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV - [1] *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*