

## TODAY IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

**Heb 3:15** While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

1. **God has always placed great importance on hearing the voice**

## FAMINE IN THE LAST DAYS OF HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Amo 8:11** Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

**Amo 8:12** And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.

**Amo 8:13** In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

**Eze 12:2** Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they *are* a rebellious house.

1. **Hear what the Lord is doing in this end time:**

**Mat 11:15** **He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

**Mat 11:16** But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

**Mat 11:17** And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

**Mat 13:9** Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

**Mat 13:10** And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

**Mat 13:11** He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Mat 13:12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

Mat 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

2. **The Seven Churches of Asia:**

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

3. **The Voice Crying in the wilderness:**

Isa 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isa 40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

Isa 40:5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Isa 40:6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:

Isa 40:7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

4. **The Judgment for not hearing His voice:**

Heb 3:10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways.

**Heb 3:11 So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)**

### **Heb 3:11**

**So I swear in my wrath** - God's grief at their continued disobedience became wrath at their final impenitence, and therefore he excluded them from the promised rest.

- a. **Today if ye will hear His Voice:** Today you have not time to lose; tomorrow may be too late. **“God calls today; tomorrow he may be silent.”**

## **THE FIRST TIME THE WORD VOICE IS MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE**

1. **The Voice was that of one of God desiring Intimacy with His creation.**

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

Gen 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

- a. **Sin separates you from your relationship with God.**

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

**Isa 59:2** But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

2. **Second Time a voice was mentioned in the Bible:**

**Gen 4:10** And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Gen 4:11 And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

Gen 4:12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

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2. **The Old Testament**, God's Voice was a fearful thing because God was Holy and now man was unholy.

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3. **The people wanted Moses to speak to Them:**

Exo 20:18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off.

Exo 20:19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

4. **God never wanted His people to be out of fellowship with Him:**

Throughout the Old Testament, we find God reaching and trying to bring man back into fellowship with Him.

Exo 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exo 25:9 According to all that I show thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.

## THERE ARE MANY VOICES IN OUR WORLD TODAY

**1Co 14:10** There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them *is* without signification.

### VOICE FROM HEAVEN

Mat 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

- a. Outward sign of sonship and a witness from Heaven.
- b. Day of Pentecost: Tongue like as of fire
- c. Preacher: Peter Lifted Up His Voice
- d. The Conversion of Saul: It was a light and a voice

### VOICE OF THE PREACHER

#### 1. Gods Mouthpiece:

1Pe 4:11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? **and how shall they hear without a preacher?**

1Co 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the **foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**

### VOICE OF THE PEW

Neh 8:5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

**Neh 8:6** And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and

they bowed their heads, and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

1. Before the church has a real earthshaking revival. The pew must be in full connection with the voice of the pulpit.
2. There needs to be a lot of support in agreement with the Word as it is preached.

## **THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD**

1. **The Church is given by the Lord the Word of Reconciliation:**

2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us; we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

2. **Peter was the chief Spokesmen:** Not Matthew, Luke, John.

Act 15:6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

Act 15:7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, **that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.**

## **THE VOICE OF HELL**

Luk 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

Luk 16:23 And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luk 16:24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Luk 16:25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

Luk 16:26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.

Luk 16:27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

Luk 16:28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Luk 16:29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

Luk 16:30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

Luk 16:31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

## **THE VOICE OF THE BRIDE AND THE BRIDEGROOM**

Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

**Rev 22:17** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.