

The Voice of God | Part One

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- How many of us have heard conversations about someone hearing the voice of God and thought some of the following things:
 - I wish I heard God the way that she does.
 - Man, must be nice to hear God like that.
 - Wow, that's amazing, I guess God just doesn't speak to me that way.
- When it comes to the voice of God a lot of us sit on various ends of the spectrum.
 - We've never heard God.
 - We've heard Him at some major moments of our life.
 - We hear Him on a daily basis.
 - We think we may have heard Him, but we aren't entirely sure.
 - We are afraid of what He might say.
 - We won't make a single decision in our life without feeling certain we've heard Him.
- No matter our experience with the voice of God, or on what part of the spectrum we sit, two things will always be true about the voice of God.
 - I. The Voice of God spoke.
 - II. The Voice of God will never stop speaking.
- During this series of talks we will explore how to engage with the Voice of God and live in conversational relationship with Him. But, before we do we have to understand these two truths.
 - I. **The Voice of God Spoke.**
 - A. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **And God said**, "Let there be light," and there was light. - Genesis 1:1-3 ESV

1. Said- Amar - refers to the simple act of communicating with the spoken word.

2. One of the first ways that God chooses to reveal Himself in the Bible is as communicative.
3. He did not simply will or think light into existence, He utilized the spoken word.
4. And, His communication didn't stop at the creation of the world.

a) God is found speaking directly to humankind over two thousand times, in the Old Testament alone.

- b) He didn't simply speak with an expectation that those listening would do so without responding. When we search the thousands of verses in which He spoke, we see Him engaging in conversations.

(1) "Inside the tent the Lord spoke to Moses face-to-face, as a man speaks to his friend." - Exodus 33:11 TLB

(2) "Ask me and I will tell you some remarkable secrets..." Jeremiah 33:3a TLB

(3) "When I called, you answered me..." Psalm 138:3a NIV

5. The desire to communicate with us was so deeply embedded in the heart of God that He literally sent His Voice to us to live among us and become the very sacrifice for our sins.

B. "So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. - John 1:14 NLT

1. The Word - logos - utterance, speaking intelligently, the living voice.

- a) The purest expression of God, Jesus Christ, is called the Word, or the living voice.

b) God doesn't just have a voice or say words, He is the Word, He is a voice.

- c) Because of that, just as God is eternal and will never cease to exist, the Voice of God is eternal and will never stop speaking.

II. The Voice of God will never stop speaking.

A. "Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words remain forever." - Matthew 24:35 TLB

1. Again, the word translated from the Greek in this passage is logos, meaning the speaking voice. We could read this scripture as:

a) **Heaven and earth will disappear, but my *speaking voice* will remain forever.**

2. This truth is confirmed as well by the prophet Isaiah:

a) "The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God shall stand forever." - Isaiah 40:8

3. We could even consider what the author of Hebrews said:

a) "Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8 NKJV

(1) Jesus Christ, who is the very voice of God, is the same yesterday, today and forever.

(2) The voice of God has been, is, and always will be speaking.

(a) If we say that God no longer speaks to us, we are in affect saying that Jesus is no longer a functioning member of the Godhead.

(3) So, if this is the truth, why do so many of us sit on such a large spectrum of hearing God's voice? What is the difference between those who have never heard Him and those who always hear Him?

III. The truth.

A. **The truth is that the Voice of God has been viewed as exceptional instead of normative.**

1. Many people think that hearing God's voice is for the pastor, spiritual leader, a few select people that are somehow better than everyone else. But, the voice of God is for everyone!

- a) "...He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."
Deuteronomy 8:3b
 - (1) This verse doesn't tell us that only a select few live by every word that comes from the mouth of God. All of us live by the voice of God.
 - (2) Hearing God's voice isn't some special privilege of a select few. It is for all of us!
- 2. The problem is that some of us don't know how to hear the voice of God.
 - a) But, over the next three weeks we will dive into specific tools and biblical principles that will help all of us to engage with and hear the voice of God!