

Hearing the Voice of God 7-12-2026

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John 10:27 NKJV

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow me.

Intro:

The world we live in contains more “noise” than ever before
We are inundated with:

1. Television - 24/7 access
2. Social Media
3. News 24/7
4. Weather 24/7
5. Opinions
6. Advertisements
7. App Access (Banking, Videos, Sermons, etc 24/7)

Are We Listening? Can We Hear God?

Disciples will HEAR His Voice

1. Disciples - 24/7 Access - Listening to Jesus
2. Followers - Visible when Jesus taught and performed miracles
3. Onlookers - simply observing from a distance (ex: Religious leaders, Zacchaeus)
4. For some time now, the church has been creating **Onlookers**, not **Disciples**
5. The Great Commission (Mandate from God) is to preach and teach the Gospel, Baptize and **make Disciples**

God is Still Speaking

1. Throughout the Bible we find God speaking:
 - a. Adam in the Garden
 - b. Abraham by the Terebinth tree
 - c. Noah before the Flood
 - d. Moses at the Burning Bush
 - e. Samuel in the Temple
 - f. Elijah with a Whisper
 - g. Paul on Damascus Road
 - h. Disciples at the Feet of Jesus
 - i. John on the Isle of Patmos
2. Hebrews 1:1-2 Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, He has spoken to us through His Son...
3. God has never stopped Communicating
4. Have we stopped listening
5. We need to once again Rise Up and teach a "Generation" (not determined by age) to Listen to God. Once again the Church **MUST** begin to **MAKE DISCIPLES!**
 - a. We need to move Onlookers to become Followers.
 - b. It cannot and must not stop there, however. We **MUST** facilitate moving an Onlooker to a Disciple.
 - c. Onlookers will go from thrill to thrill, church to church, popular program to popular program
 - d. Disciples can be found around the table Listening to Jesus

when all others are gone.

e. Onlookers will leave when the “thrill” is gone, Disciples will Change the World!

Sheep (Disciples) Know the Shepherd's Voice

1. Sometimes several Shepherds would graze their sheep together. However, when they separated, each flock would follow THEIR Shepherd just because they heard His voice.
2. Sheep recognize the Shepherd's Voice because of RELATIONSHIP

How Does God Speak?

1. Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher - Five Fold Ministry Ephesians 4:11
2. Audible Voice
3. Through His Word (Logos - Written Word) Psalm 119:105 “Your Word is a lamp...”
4. Through the Holy Spirit (Rhema Word) Romans 8:14 “As many as are led by the Spirit”
5. Prayer - not just “talking to God”, but LISTENING
6. Through Godly Council Proverbs 11:14
7. Through Circumstances (Open Doors vs. Closed Doors)
8. Dreams and Visions Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17

What keeps us From Hearing God?

1. Too much “Noise”
2. Too Busy - No Time
3. Sin - Separates us from God, causes us to Hide from His Voice
4. Fear - Fear amplifies other voices
5. Pride - I already know - don't need Help on this one
Ask Yourself...
6. What voice am I listening to the most?
7. When was the last time I was quiet before God?
8. Am I obeying what He's already shown me?
9. Do I recognize His Voice better today than I did a month or a year ago.

**CHALLENGE: WILL YOU JOIN ME IN COMMITTING
TO HEAR FROM GOD AND TO MAKE DISCIPLES?**