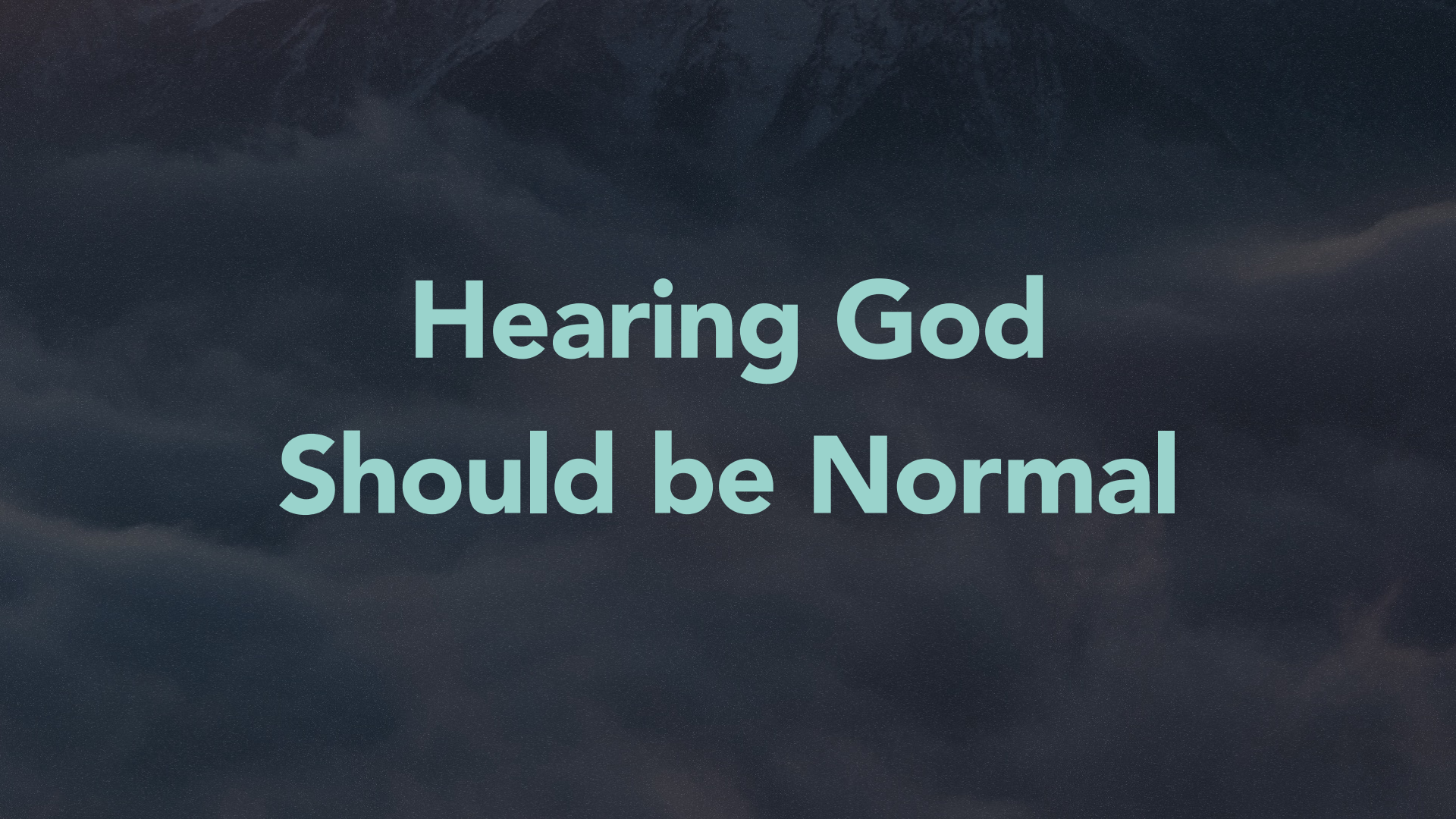




HEARING
GOD'S VOICE



**Hearing God
Should be Normal**

The voice of God
was a real and continuous theme
throughout the Bible.

Genesis 2:16-17 NIV

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Genesis 6

- God speaks to Noah.

Genesis 12:1-3 NIV

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your father’s household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great nation, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Moses

- Hears God clearly
- Debates with God

Judges 13

- Manoah's wife
- Q&A session

Samuel

- God woke him 3 times
- Samuel responds to God by saying: speak, for your servant hears.

1 Samuel 3:1 NIV

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

1 Samuel 3:1 NIV

- In those days, the word of the Lord was very rare.
- Amp- New revelations of divine truth were not widespread.
- The voice of God was rarely heard.

New Testament

- Jesus communicated freely with His disciples.
- He taught them, he explained God's plan to them, he corrected them.

John 10:3-4, 16 NIV

And the sheep hear the shepherd's 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. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold. Them also I must bring, and they will hear my voice. And there will be one flock and one shepherd.

John 10:27 NIV

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

Jesus' disciples are to
know, hear, & obey His voice.

Acts 8:29-31 NIV

The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Acts 9:11-16 NIV

The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.” In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight. “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem.

Acts 9:11-16 NIV [continued]

And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

Acts 10:3-6 NIV

One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!” Cornelius stared at him in fear. “what is it, Lord?” He asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter.

Acts 10:3-6 NIV [continued]

He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

John 16:7,12-15 NIV

“But very truly I tell you, it is your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 16:7,12-15 NIV [continued]

He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me that he will make known to you.

The Holy Spirit reveals
Jesus' words & Jesus' will
to us.

Revelation 3:20 NIV

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Jesus wants to speak to
all of His followers,
and that includes you!

RECAP

- God communicated to people in the OT.
- God communicated to people through Jesus in the new covenant.
- Jesus said that his sheep will hear/know/obey his voice.
- Jesus wants to speak to all of his followers, and that includes you!

A person is standing on a snowy mountain peak, looking out over a vast sea of clouds. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The person is small in the distance, emphasizing the scale of the landscape. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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