

Are You Hearing The Voice of God?

FRIDAY SERMON

Tonight the Lord wants you to have revelation. The Lord wanted me to talk about the voice of God. Do you know the difference between the voice of God and the Voice of man? Or the voice of any other spirit that speaks to you? A lot of people say that they can hear God. They can hear His voice and are willingly to open their mouth and will push forward and speak the word that we feel God has given us to say. But a lot of times and in a lot of cases God has not spoken unto you. Do you know His voice? Do you understand what He's doing in you and through you? And do you understand what He is about to do? The Lord spoke to us in **John chapter 10** He said of Jesus The True Shepherd;

v.1 *"Most assuredly I say to you he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*

v.2 *"But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.*

v.3 *"To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

v.4 *"And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him,, for they know his voice.*

v.5 *"Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, and they do not know the voice of strangers."*

v.6 *Jesus used these illustrations but they did not understand the things which he spoke to them.*

And I tell you what; a lot of people don't know that we're associating life right now with a lot of things that's going on. People call it luck, people call it circumstance, and people call it chance. God don't live by luck, luck is for Leprechauns. God don't live by chance and He doesn't shoot craps and goes, "okay, it's fifty-fifty." That's not God! God knows exactly what He's doing in you and through you. And those who believe that God knows know that God is speaking to them. But, if you are taking things as chance and as luck, then you know not God's voice because God is not that way. He is not that way and He will never be that way. He isn't gonna change just for you or for me. He does it because; He does it this way; there are too many voices speaking in the world today. To your brothers and your sisters in the same church, to other spirits that surround you. Do you know that dominions and principalities are constantly surrounding you? Do you know that they whisper in your ear as you walk and you think it's God's voice, but if you're not sensitive to the spirit of God that you cannot even tell the difference, and people end up killing other people and saying the Lord told me to do that. But since when does the Lord tell you to take somebody's life to prove that He is God. He never does, He never does! And He will never use you to do such a thing, for God is a God of life and restoration. But don't be afraid of what the voice of God is saying unto you. Direction or correction needs to come to see God in a greater light. Sometimes I tell you God is saying things unto people and you don't even know it. I could stand here talking about the voice of God and say whom are you listening to? Who are you listening to? Where are you getting your direction from? Are you sure it's God? How do you know? How do you know? Do you know that you know? Or are you just saying you know because you know how God operates, and you know how God works?

Do you know God speaks in many different voices and He in many different ways, and says, "The sheep know My voice." That means that God can come in a tree, God can come in an animal, God can come in a still small voice, God can come in all these things; do you know its God? Are you going to question what God is saying? See it is not the voice that you hear; it is the Spirit that speaks to you. There's a difference, the voice of God is the Holy Spirit that speaks unto you inside of your spirit. It communicates with one another. But with all the voices going around how can you distinguish which one is God and which one is not? Who is imitating God's voice in your life and which is truly the voice of God? For those who are rising up in the gifts of the Spirit in prophecy especially; you got to be able to distinguish the voice of God from all other voices. Because those are the voices that will cause you to stand before people to prophesy and you shall be wrong. The Lord did not say unto you and He will curve your speech. For who can refrain from speaking?

Proverbs 29:20 says, *"Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is no more hope for a fool than for him."*

When you are hasty in your words because you don't know if God is speaking to you or not then you will be a fool in the eyes of the people and before God. Then God will truly shut you down. God will truly shut you down! Jesus told the unclean spirit to be silent, and God got to tell you to be silent to somebody who actually hears his voice. You better question what you are doing and whom you're listening to. Jesus silence the Sadducees in **Matthew 22:34** He told them to be silent, why? Because the word they spoke was so ritualistic it was a practice and they were not living by the truth of God. God will silence the voices in your life that cause you to be lead astray, but are you willing to let go of the things that you believe to hear His voice because no more is it by the law but its by the Spirit. "We've been saved by the blood." No more is it by the voice and the Law of Moses and the Ten Commandments those were just a mirror image to show how sinful you really are. But when God gave up his life for us, when our Lord Jesus gave up His life and rose from the dead, he gave us sanctification. He gave us justification. Now do you know his voice? Are you still following the commandments of the law? If you follow the commandments of the law, the Law of Moses as they call it, then you still live in a ritualistic world and you need to get out of that. Because God don't live by the law but if you are going to live by the law you will die

by the law. That means when you get judged and you live by the law, you will stand before the judgment seat, you will be judged by the law that you lived by. The law shall judge you.

And He shall say, "There shall be no God before Me". And guess what, everyone on this earth breaks that law, everyone. There shall be no God before Me. The first Commandment! I AM the one and I AM the only, there shall be no God before Me. But have you put children, mother, father, sister, brother, husband, wife, Job, money, car, stress, worry, pain, suffering, have you put all those things sickness, illness, anyone of those things is considered an idol before God because you have not put God before any of these things. Why do you think some of us don't even receive our healing? Why? Because we go "woe is me, poor is me" o' praise God that I have faith that I can trust but we hear the voice saying, "trust in Me I'm going to pull you through this", but we cry about the illness we cry about the sickness and guess what? You put your illness and your sickness before God. And He told you He'd take care of it. Anything you put before God is an Idol, anything, anything! Even your worries and your concerns can be idols. Did you guys know that? Worry and concerns can consume you! And when it consumes you, it takes you away from God's will. It will always take you away from God's will, because you aren't allowed to hear His voice. Why do you think the adversary uses that? Why you think you feel so burdened? Money problems, financial, drugs, alcohol, don't know where you going to lay your head, don't know if you're going to get your children back, don't know what's going on in your life? I tell you what, God knows! He wants to know if you could give it up to Him and open up your hands and say, "Father I have no control! I'm in this situation and I surrender it up to You, I'm going to trust You. It don't look good but I'm gonna trust You because I can hear Your voice and You said it, I heard you tell me that You will never leave me nor forsake me. You said you would never walk away from me. You said you would always hang on to me." So, if that were so, if that is so, when you go through your problems your worries and your troubles why would He leave you now? Why would He leave you now? So you can go through worries and troubles alone?

Do you know that every worry, every problem, every issue, every blessing you go through, God's finger is upon you? Do you know that? The moment you told the Lord "I take you as my Lord and Savior" and you gave yourself up unto Him, from that moment He put His hand upon you. And when he said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" He kept His word. It is not He who turns away from us; it is us who turns Him away. We refuse to hear His voice, and we refuse to hear what He's saying in our lives. We refuse, why? Because we think we know better. We're living the life, not God, right? Were going through, not Him, is that right? You think our Lord allows us to go through without Him? Believe me He goes through with us and he cries along with us, and He screams with us, and He finds joy with us, He laughs and He does it all right along with us. There is nothing that you have gone through that He hasn't gone through with you, but do you know that He's there? That's the whole thing; do you folks know that He's there? That's what God is asking you today, "Can you hear My voice saying that I can see what you're going through? Can you hear My voice saying this day that I know what you're going through, that I am here and I am ready to carry you through?" Can you hear His voice telling you, "Hear Me, and don't cry anymore, enough already? I have so much more for you, I want you to know this, but you are not hearing Me because your worries and the burdens of life is screaming out louder than I can speak. You are not hearing Me!" You are hearing the burdens and you are hearing the worries, but I am here to tell you right now, God speaks loud. He screams, He yells, and He sends people like me, like your neighbor, your brother or your sister who sits next to you. And if you cannot hear His voice through one of us, let me tell you, I speak loud! I'll scream and I'll shout and I'll let you know exactly what God is saying.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm the Pastor and Prophet of God, Shirley. Oh now I introduce myself yeah? I am the Prophet Shirley for those who don't know me. I'm an ordained Pastor, ordained Teacher, ordained Evangelist, ordained Apostle, but number one for God, His ordained Prophet. I prophesy and if you've been around me long enough then you know I'm not the "okay honey, you went through this, don't worry, don't worry, God is going to bless you. Blessings! Blessing upon everyone! No! One may get a blessing and the other one you need to stop and I'll be screaming and the top of my lungs because God's anger is upon you. Because God is tired of calling, God is tired of speaking. Don't you think God gets tired? He lives by a three-strike rule. Read Isaiah. He talks about the three-strike rule. He says "Well if I talk to them now and they don't hear Me, then I shall bring correction upon them. If I speak to them again and they don't hear My voice again then I shall bring pestilence and famine and if they don't hear Me that time, number three, then death by sword will come upon them, that's it three, three, three times. And if the Lord comes to you through someone else speaking the same message for the third time, let me tell you that's it, that's it!

God is a merciful, kind, and giving God. He gives, He gives and gives until He says enough giving I am not a fool. God will not be mocked! He will not be mocked! He will not be mocked! Because who do we think we are that God chases after us? We chase after God, God comes knocking for us, we turn Him away and guess what? He needs to turn away from you also maybe then you'll learn a lesson. Then you be coming back. But let me tell you, every time you come back, His arms are wide open. He will never leave you nor forsake you, He promised that, He promised that, but we live our life according to the will that we want to live it. We do it because we desire to live according to a manner we have, if I have this much money then I am doing well, if I have this much things in my home, then I am considered well off. But let me tell you how many people have houses, homes, cars, and they have no love, and they have no happiness, and they have no joy because the one thing that is missing is the Lord Himself. But you can have nothing and have totally the Lord and His total joy and peace of heart. I tell you what's the one thing that I pray for, for everyone to have peace of mind. Oh if you can have peace of mind for the rest of your life, such joy will be upon you. Joy will be upon you! Peace of mind, awe to wake up in the morning just I have peace of mind I know that my Lord is in control and that all things are going to happen

according to His will. Lord I am so at peace with that! I am so at peace! Some of us need to be at peace today. We need peace in our spirit, we need peace in our hearts, we need peace in our family, we need direction, we need someone to tell us something, and we need to hear God's voice. "I can't hear Him, there is just too much things going on around me and I lost track in who God is in my life. I'm looking for Him and I'm looking and I don't know where to look anymore. I want to be grounded but I can't be. I try, but I work every Sunday and all these things are going on with us and we do not know what to do." We don't know what do to. We try to compromise the will of the Father in our life and say, "Father", but I tell you what, so you can't make it on a Sunday morning because you gotta work, that's life, that's life. But the Lord understands that. So don't be hard on yourself just make sure you give Him His time do Him, and do what is right in the eyes of our Lord. I was talking to the Lord. God is not gonna separate Himself from you no matter what, no matter what!

Do you actually know God's voice? In **1 Samuel 2:9** God spoke to Hannah. Hannah was crying out to God and Hannah finally bore a son because God heard her cry and her voice and God blessed her and she had a son name Samuel. And Samuel she dedicated to God from the moment he was weaned off of her, and every year she would go and give him a rug, I mean give him a coat and give him everything that he needed for the ministry. She dedicated him to the ministry of God. And Samuel found favor with God that God said that his words, Samuel's words would not hit the ground. Samuel's words would not hit the ground! Do you know what that means? That means when Samuel spoke to the people that the word of God, when those words came out of him, he spoke it so correctly and so right that even when he wasn't speaking by God's spirit God would honor it as if He spoke it. See how intimate they were? That your words automatically becomes God's words and God honors everything you say. Why? Because you become true to God's voice and you became God's voice. And when He can trust you then He shall speak in you and through you. Hannah prayed and Hannah cried and Eli thought that she was drunk. But she was not drunk. She was bitter in her spirit because she did not have a child. And she promised God saying, "If you just give me this one that I will dedicate him unto You". Dedicate him unto You!

God will silence the unclean spirit that stands around you if you seek Him hard enough. I tell you what, a lot of us is walking around right now and God is speaking to us and we don't even know it and He's using your neighbors and He's using your friends and He's using these things around you. And He's saying, "hear my voice." "Because I'm about to do something in your life, I'm about to change things in your life, I'm about to give you direction, I'm about to tell you what is true and what is right so you can see Me more clearly, but yet, but yet you refuse to let go." And the Lord is saying now is the time; somebody is going to speak into your life. Are you ready to hear Him? That's what the prophet does, all I do is I'm the middleman, and I'm the voice box, and the vessel for God. All I do is open my voice and open my spirit and what you hear is not mine. If I speak anything that is not of God, say so! But I tell you what, mark God's word, the words that come out of my mouth is of my Lord. I do not speak of my own. Because if I do speak of my own the Lord will shut my mouth and He will not speak through me. And I shall know it, and I shall turn away and say I cannot speak. Passion and direction from God, are you willing to take it? Because if you're gonna come up again the word of God, you're gonna hear it, you're gonna hear it because you need it, you need it.