

Hearing God 201 - #5

Hearing God from the Bible

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Matthew 4:4 - *“But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”*

Last Week: The Illogical Voice of God

- *“Putting out the fleece”* - Judges 6:36-40
- What have you done with other things you think He might have said?

Hearing God from the Bible:

- We’ve talked so much about hearing the voice of God *(however He chooses to speak) that some people may have inadvertently taken the position that the written Word is secondary.
- That is a serious conclusion!
- Common mindset - “I’ve tried to read the Bible but I don’t understand it”
- *“Get in the Word ’til the Word gets in you”*
- The question: How do you get to know God?
 - Most people would quickly answer, *“By reading the Bible”*
 - I don’t totally agree or disagree
 - Both are extremely important
 - The written Word
 - Everything that’s supposed to be in the Bible is
 - There’s nothing in there that doesn’t belong
 - The written Word shows and tells us how God has dealt with humanity throughout the ages
 - It gives us some sideboards, guidelines to trust so we don’t go off into the ditches into error, confusion and heresy
 - So, then the answer to the question should be, *“We need both”*
 - We need to know what He’s said, and to know what he’s saying!
 - When you make yourself a student of the Word, AND, make it a priority to hear what He’s saying now.....You become a serious threat to the forces of darkness!
- You don’t need confirmation

- *“The Bible is the only book where the Author is always present when you read it.”* Bill Johnson
- And, He’s there to help!

What the Bible Says of Itself

- **2 Timothy 3:16** - *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*
- **2 Peter 1:21** - *“No prophecy of Scripture came by the will of man... but holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”*
- **Isaiah 40:8** - *“The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”*
- **Psalms 119:11** - *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”*
- **Psalms 119:89** - *“Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.”*
- **Psalms 119:105** - *“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path”*
- **Isaiah 55:10-11** - *“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”*
- **Jeremiah 1:12** - *“Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.”*
- **Hebrews 4:12** - *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*
- We’re able to trust the validity of the Bible
- I call it *“The Owner’s Manual For Your Life”*

Sample Verses - What do these say to you/

- **Philippians 4:13** - *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”*

- **2 Timothy 1:7** - *“For the Lord has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind”*
- **Romans 8:37** - *“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”*
- **Romans 8:28** - *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose”*
- **John 16:33** - *“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”*
- **James 1:2-8** - *“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”*

“Reading Your Bible For All It’s Worth”

- Old Testament = Law
- New Testament = Grace
- Remember, you’re not under the Law - We’re now under grace
- Under the Law only a chosen few had the Spirit of God
- Under grace everyone has access to the Spirit
- **When you read/study the Bible**
 - Ask for the illumination of the Holy Spirit
 - Do it with an open heart and mind
 - You’re not just doing it to learn but also to ‘hear’
 - Don’t try to read a lot, but read a little
 - Pay attention to the cues of the Holy Spirit
 - Sometimes it’s a passage, sometimes a verse, sometimes it’s just a word

- Stop, look and listen; tarry there if necessary; It could be the Lord is taking the opportunity to show you something profound, maybe even something personal for you