



B.A.S.I.C. TRAINING
Becoming Absolutely Secure In Christ
Hearing and Discerning the Voice of God - Part 1
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Introduction:

- One of the greatest benefits of our salvation has to be that of HEARING God speak to us personally. It is a PRIVILEGE that every child of God has.
- There can be NO authentic and intimate relationship with God without it.
- As easy as it is for us to SPEAK to God, many believers have a hard time HEARING His Voice.
- Discern means to come to know or recognize mentally.
- Discern also means to see or know the difference.
- We must mentally recognize the voice of God.
- We must come to see or understand the difference between God's voice and other voices.
- The Greek word for knowledge means: knowing through recognition, study, or experience.
- Our lives can be radically transformed by hearing the voice of the Lord better.

Key Verses:

From the Amplified Version

John 8:47

Whoever is of God listens to God. [Those who belong to God hear the words of God.] This is the reason that you do not listen [to those words, to Me]: because you do not belong to God and are not of God or in harmony with Him.

John 10:27

The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.

John 6:63

It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatsoever [there is no profit in it]. The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life.

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Key Questions in this Series:

1. Are you willing to SURRENDER, LISTEN and DO when God speaks to you? **James 1:8; James 1:22**
2. Is the voice you're hearing SATAN'S voice? **2 Corinthians 11:14; Matthew 4:1-11**
3. Is the voice you're hearing the toxic voice of someone in your CIRCLE? **1 Corinthians 15:33**
4. Is the voice you're hearing YOUR voice? **Proverbs 14:12**
5. Is the voice you're hearing GOD'S voice? **Job 33:14**

Before we can properly and accurately hear God, the FIRST and most important question to ponder is, **HOW DOES God speak to His children TODAY?**

This lesson will provide several biblical and practical answers to this probing question.

Main Point:

God is SOVEREIGN and HE has no boundaries in when or how he speaks to us today. NEVER put a limit on your powerful all sufficient God.

- I. God speaks through HIS WORD (The Bible) **2 Timothy 3:16 (AMP)**
 - A. The BIBLE is our final and only Authority.
 - B. It is the STANDARD by which you should check everything else you THINK God may be saying to you.
 - C. NOTHING God says in any other way will ever contradict what HE says in the Bible.
 - D. Every life issue you face is verbalized and rationalized by GOD in His WORD.
- II. God speaks through the HOLY SPIRIT **John 14:26 (AMP)**
 - A. The Holy Spirit comforts, guides, leads and reminds us.
 - B. The HOLY SPIRIT works in unison with the WORD and is received after our conversion to Christ.
- III. God speaks through OTHER PEOPLE **Proverbs 11:14; Proverbs 12:15**
 - A. Ordinary People **1 Timothy 1:12**
 - B. Broken People **1 Timothy 1:12-13**
 - C. Redeemed People **1 Timothy 1:14-15**

IV. God speaks through **PEACE** and Calm. **Colossians 3:15; I Corinthians 14:33**

V. Other notable ways that God speaks:

A. **DREAMS** **Genesis 42:9; Matthew 2:12**

- Images and scenes noted while we sleep that give insight to present and/or future events.
- Dreams that leave you confused may just be the result of your brain processing thoughts while you are asleep.
- If a dream is from God He will give you a confirmation in your spirit and that confirmation will line up with biblical truth.

B. **PROPHECY** **Ephesians 4:11**

- Prophecy spoken over you must be prophecy TESTED by you. **1 John 4:1**
- If a prophecy is truly from God, He will confirm it in other ways and bring it to pass.

C. **HIS CREATION** **Matthew 6:24-33**

- The lilies of the field
- The birds of the air