

# Did You Hear That?

## Sensing the Still Small Voice

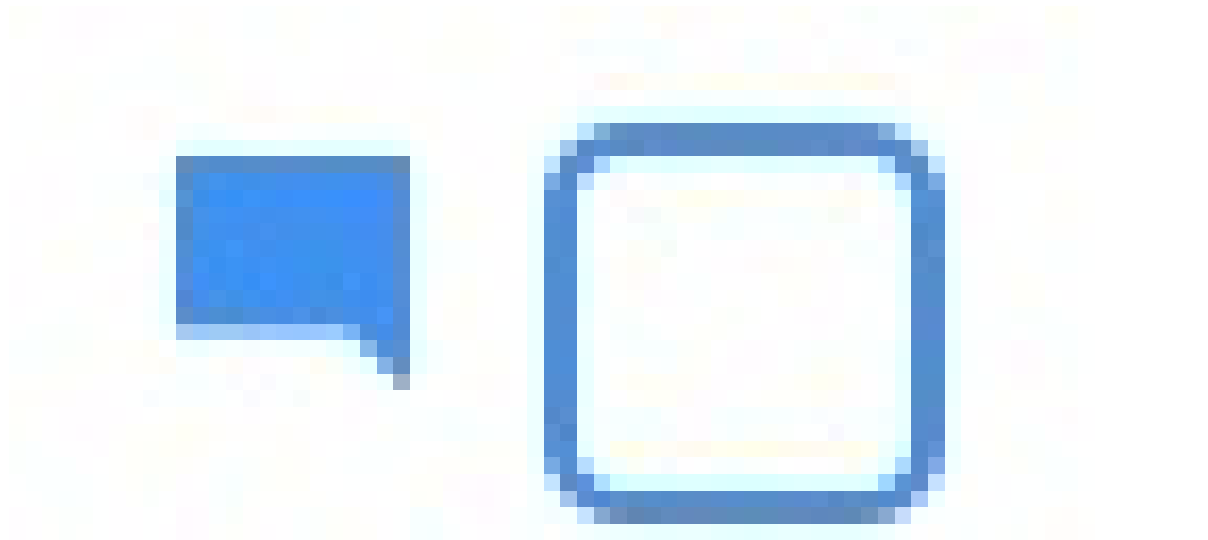


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Part of God Speaks Recognizing the Voice of God

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Despite your doubts, dare to believe that God wants to speak to you — and that’s a good thing!

*“Hearing God? A daring idea, some would say - presumptuous and even dangerous. But what if we are made for it? What if the human system simply will not function properly without it? There are good reasons to think it will not. The fine texture as well as the grand movements of life show the need. Is it not, in fact, more presumptuous and dangerous to undertake human existence without hearing God?”*

*—Dallas Willard, Hearing God*

*Samuel said, “Has the Lord as much delight in burnt*

*offerings and sacrifices  
As in obeying the voice of the Lord?  
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,  
And to heed than the fat of rams.*

—1 Samuel 15:22

*The voice of the Lord is powerful,  
The voice of the Lord is majestic.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
Yes, the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.*

—Psalm 29:4-5

**START HERE:** Get to know God's voice in interactive reading of His Word (a.k.a. the Bible).

*Anyone who wants to hear God's voice on a regular basis  
will have to b/c intimately acquainted w/ the written word  
of God.*

—Jack Deere in *Surprised by the Voice of God*

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to  
see whether they are from God, because many false  
prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know  
the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus  
Christ has come in the flesh is from God.*

—1 John 4:1-2

*For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have  
not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be  
filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual  
wisdom and understanding.*

—Colossians 1:9

*Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you  
understanding in everything.*

—2 Timothy 2:7

## **“THE VOICE”**

*After the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the  
fire; and after the fire a still small voice. [ lit. “a voice,  
whisper, thin/fine”]*

## 1 Samuel 3:1-11

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1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli. And word from the LORD was rare in those days, visions were infrequent. 2 It happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to grow dim and he could not see well), 3 and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was,

4 that the LORD called Samuel; and he said, “Here I am.”

5 Then he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, lie down again.” So he went and lay down. 6 The LORD called yet again, “Samuel!” So Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he answered, “I did not call, my son, lie down again.” [Miss-able]

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor had the word of the LORD yet been revealed to him. 8 So the LORD called Samuel again for the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli discerned that the LORD was calling the boy. 9 And Eli said to Samuel, “Go lie down, and it shall be if He calls you, that you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. [LEARN]

10 Then the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for Your servant is listening.” 11 The LORD said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.”

LEARN — You learn to hear God’s voice in an ongoing relational process of understanding + practice. (See Hebrews 5:14)

## LEARNING TO LISTEN

1. EXPECT God to speak to me. (See Proverbs 25:2)

*It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

—Prov. 25:2

.2. ASK: Simply ask God to speak to me.

.3. EVALUATE:

Me... “What is it that’s keeping me from hearing?” or  
“Is there anything blocking my hearing?” (See Isaiah 59:1-2)  
Remember hearing God is part of a “conversational relationship” with  
God.

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## **RECOGNIZING THE WHISPER**

- Bible — learn the kind of things God is likely to say.

*20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of  
Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, 21 for  
no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but  
men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

—2 Peter 1:20-21

- Cross-current

*8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your  
ways My ways,” declares the LORD. 9 For as the heavens  
are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than  
your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.*

—Isaiah 55:8-9

- Recurring

- Confirmed

*19 Do not quench the Spirit; 20 do not despise prophetic  
utterances. 21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast  
to that which is good 22 abstain from every form every  
appearance of evil.*

—1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

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.4. LISTEN — Walk around with Samuel’s space-creating prayer this  
week.

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