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Subject: Overview of Discerning the Voice of God - The Ways God speaks to Us

Deuteronomy 5:31 New International Version (NIV)

³¹ But you stay here with me so that I may give you all the commands, decrees and laws you are to teach them to follow in the land I am giving them to possess."

Joshua 1:8 NIV

⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

1 Samuel 3:10 NIV

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.^[a]

Isaiah 55:3 NIV

³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

Jeremiah 33:3 NIV

³ 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

Habakkuk 2:1 NIV

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.^[a]

Micah 7:7 NIV

⁷ But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

Micah 7:7 The Message (MSG)

⁷ But me, I'm not giving up.

I'm sticking around to see what GOD will do.
I'm waiting for God to make things right.

I'm counting on God to listen to me.

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

John 10:27 NIV

²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Hebrews 3:7-8 NIV

⁷ So, as the Holy Spirit says:

"Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts

as you did in the rebellion,

during the time of testing in the wilderness,

Hebrews 4:15-16 NIV

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Revelation 3:20 NIV

²⁰ 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.

Subject Consideration:

"Discerning the voice of God is a divine mystery because it is a supernatural work the Holy Spirit does in us. This study cannot give you a formula by which you can discern His voice with 100 percent accuracy. As you practice discerning, know God graciously allows our errors to be the best teacher in hearing correctly in the future." - Priscilla Shirer

God desires to commune with us and to speak with us. It requires us to engage with God, read, meditate on the Word, list the things that are in our heart and share them with God. As well, part of this divine exchange calls for our listening, resting, trusting the quiet place within our hearts to hear from God who is everything. We can anticipate that the Holy One will commune with our spirit.

Book Used for Women's Bible Study this Season:

Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer Moody Publishers, Chicago ©2012

Points to Remember on this Journey:

1. The goal is building a closer, deeper relationship with God where that solitude with God cultivates an awareness of His voice.
2. Everyone has unique experiences with their time with God; it is a personal experience not a comparative one.

3. That voice may not be audible but one in which sounds within your spirit.
4. Growth is not an instant process; but is cultivated over time. The same is true with relations and time with God.
5. Engage with an open spirit, come ready to share, confess, ask for forgiveness and forge that position of repentance.
6. Come into that time with God open, secure in God's love, grace and forgiveness.
7. Consider the ways in which you can "hear" God's voice? What are the different postures seen in scripture when some heard from God?

"Lord, heighten my spiritual senses to

see that which is not visible

hear that which is not audible

sense that which is not tangible

believe that which is unbelievable.

Teach me to sort through

the noises of this world to

hear and discern Your powerful,

wonderful, pure, precious voice."

Priscilla Shirer Discerning the Voice of God –p6. ©2006