



THE STILL, SMALL VOICE

Can You Hear the Voice of the Lord?

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HEBREW DEFINITIONS

- 1 VOICE (6963) "qowl" - to call aloud; a sound
- 2 STILL (1827) "demanab" - quiet, calm, silent

- How can you tell if a thought in your head was instilled by God, or if you just put it there yourself?
- How many of the following reactions regarding the origin of the voice of the Lord do you recognize?
 - A) From the counsel of other believers and/or non-believers
 - B) From life's circumstances
 - C) From nature, either its beauty or force
 - D) From His word
 - E) From a personal experience

I. THE VOICE OF THE LORD

1. How did David describe the voice of the Lord in Psalm 29:3-9? What does this mean?
2. Did Elijah find the voice of God in the forces of nature? I Kings 19:11-12
3. What is the instruction concerning the voice of the Lord? Jeremiah 42:4-6; Ps. 95:6-9
4. What exactly *is* the voice of the Lord? Psalm 103:20 *How* can we hear it?
5. *Who can* hear the voice of the Lord?
 - A) John 10:3-5, 16
 - B) John 5:25-28; Ephesians 2:1
 - C) Job 33:16
6. Who are those *who cannot* hear the voice of the Lord? Isaiah 6:9-10; Romans 11:7-11

"Something is incredibly wrong when the words we hear outside of scripture are more powerful and more affecting to us than the inspired Word of God."

II. THE VOICE OF MAN

1. How can we fall prey to the voice of man? I Samuel 15:22-24
 - A) *When it allows us to sin*
 - B) *When we don't want to be judged*
 - C) *When we excuse our behavior with psychology*
 - D) *Other:*
2. What is the "voice of strangers"? John 10:5
3. Does God use "vessels of honor and dishonor"... to bring forth His word or to bring forth His purpose? II Tim. 2:19-21 Does God speak through His "vessels"? Explain:



VERSE OF THE WEEK

"...the Lord will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still."
-Psalm 4:3-4

III. OUR VOICE TO GOD

1. What was David's plea? Psalm 141:1-3; 142:1, 7
2. When does God *not listen* to our voice? Ecclesiastes 5: 4-6
3. How does God want us to speak to Him? Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16 Why? *Discuss the importance of the critical lifeline of daily reading God's word.*