



SPEAK LORD | HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

1 SAMUEL 3:1-21

Jeremiah 33:3

MATTHEW 7:7-8

VITAL TRUTH: GOD CREATED US FOR COMMUNION WITH HIM, FOR A PURPOSE TO WORSHIP AND ABIDE WITH HIM FOREVER. HE WANTS TO SPEAK TO US.

EVEN AFTER THE FALL, THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT GOD SPOKE TO CAIN AND ABEL, BUT OVER TIME, IT SEEMS IT BECAME HARDER AND HARDER FOR MAN TO COMMUNE WITH GOD.

GENESIS 6:5-8

JAMES 4:8

TRUTH: There's something healthy, holy, and natural about craving to hear the voice of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

-there's something longing inside us for something more, something bigger, greater, etc.

TRUTH: God is a jealous God (He has the right to be jealous) of His creation!

IOW He wants all of YOU! (THE GOOD, BAD, UGLY, X-RATED, VERSIONS!)

Exodus 20:5

WE **NEED** GOD, HE **WANTS** US!

QUOTE: “People can help, but only God can heal” -Ty Buckingham

GOD’S SOLUTION TO MAN’S SIN: JOHN 1:1-4

VITAL TRUTH: Religion is cold, non-personal, not obtainable, and dry. Jesus, however, is a very personal, real, God personified, fulfilling, freeing, and true. His conclusion, His Word made flesh, His voice to mankind!

KEYS TO HEARING GOD SPEAK:

KEY #1: UNDERSTAND THAT GOD LOVES YOU AND WANTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU. HE SENT JESUS WITH THE WORDS OF LIFE FOR YOUR SALVATION!

JOHN 6:32-69

JESUS HAS THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE

HARD REALITY Many often approach God expecting to hear Him already having decided what He is going to say, and how HE is going to say it.

KEY #2: SEEK GOD’S VOICE WITH AN OPEN HEART, NOT WITH PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS OF WHAT HE IS GOING TO SAY.

QUESTION: DOES GOD STILL SPEAK AUDIBLY?

He’s done it for others. He’s done it throughout Biblical history. So, we must conclude that He does because **His nature** does not change based on time.

Isaiah 55:8-9

Define *Supernatural*: something beyond what we perceive as our “natural” world (what we feel, see, experience, etc). The spiritual world.

Define *Human nature*: determined by God's design as creator, BUT **tainted** by the failure of humanity in sin. We are bound to our current natural human state **until** we encounter that which is supernatural. We encounter the supernatural (God) when we receive and accept our salvation, but we must consistently put the “old self” to death (spiritually).

1 Corinthians 2:14

Define *God's nature*: that which makes Him God is not bound to human change, seasons, years, circumstances, or human understanding. His ways will always be higher than ours, yet through the torn veil in Jesus, He invites us to look beyond our own “naturalness” into His.

Hebrews 1:1-4

KEY #3: APPROACH GOD IN CONFIDENCE THAT YOU ARE COVERED BY THE BLOOD BUT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE IS MASTER AND COMMANDER.

ROMANS 6:15-19

KEY #4: SEEK GOD IN FAITH, FAITH IS NOT WHAT IS SEEN BUT THE ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN. EXPECT GOD TO SPEAK BY INVITING HIM AND PREPARING YOUR HEART, PRAY!

HEBREWS 11:6

KEY #5: WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU THINK YOU HEAR. BE WILLING TO CONFIRM IT. THERE'S NO "SECRET FORMULA"; IT'S ABOUT BEING OPEN, WILLING, AND A SERVANT TO GOD

TRUTH: GOD WILL NEVER GO AGAINST HIS WORD OR TEMPT YOU TO SIN.

James 1:13

FILTER EVERYTHING THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD, HEALTHY SEASONED BELIEVERS (SUCH AS PASTORS/ELDERS), AND WAIT FOR CONFIRMATION.

KEY #6: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO "TURN ON" OR "TURN OFF" GOD'S VOICE. HE IS NOT OUR VENDING MACHINE. PRAY CONTINUOUSLY!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

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