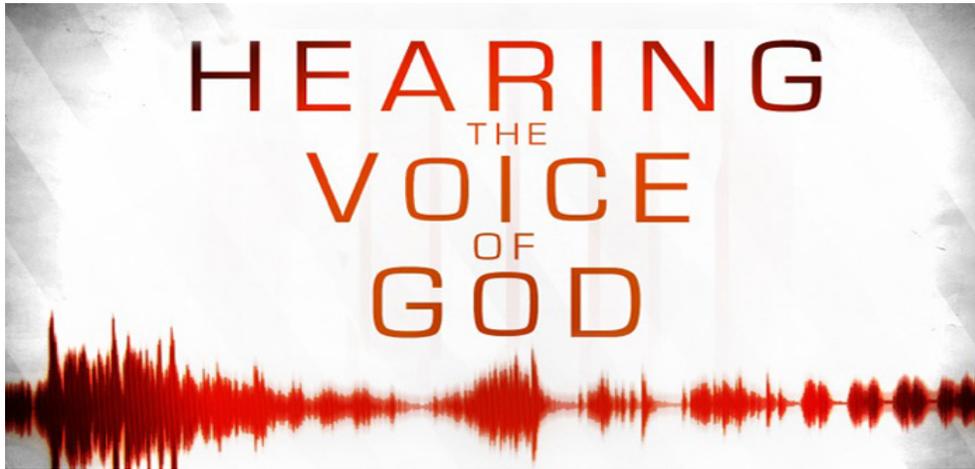


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“The Voice, The Fire, The Glory”



7-9 times in the New Testament, Jesus didn't say I heal you, he says your Faith has made you whole. Faith works!

The Voice, The Fire, the Glory!

God wants to speak to you! He wants to speak to you every day! He wants to reveal His presence and speak to you!

There is nothing that can replace your personal hearing from God in your own prayer closet.

Your primary navigation from God is to come from your personal prayer time, your bible and your journal. Amen!

There is nothing sweeter than the voice of God.

The word Speaks! Over 2000 times from Exodus to Deuteronomy the word says – “God says....”

God wants to speak to his people!

Exodus 21:6 (NIV)

Then his master must take him before the judges.^[a] He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.

In the Old Testament if the servant wanted to remain with the household, the owner of the servant would take him / her to the doorpost and put a nail through their ear to that doorpost, signifying that some of the ear was now on the doorpost and some of the doorpost was now on their ear. What does this mean?

It means that the ear belonged exclusively to the master of the house.

In the New Testament, On the cross – Jesus nailed to the cross..

Our ears are now nailed to the cross – some of our ears now belong to the cross and some of the cross has now touched our ears. What does that mean?

God wants his people with spiritual ears to hear his voice. God wants us to hear his voice every single day.

God lives inside of us - yet there are Christians who have gone decades never hearing his voice

Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

The Voice, The Fire - the presence of God came on the scene

God's presence is explosive!

God wants to speak to us but we have to draw near to hear.

Often times we are too far off from God because we are nervous that if we get close to God- he may see the sin in our life. We do this subconsciously sometimes.

So many times as believers we feel unclean as we get closer - so we stand far off and we let God speak to the Pastor, the Prophets. But we don't draw near to hear because we are afraid that He might require something from us. And it's truth, He does require something from us - know what it is? Everything....

But the closer we get to God, the more we can hear the whispers.

Deuteronomy 5:23-24 (NIV)

²³ When you heard the voice out of the darkness, while the mountain was ablaze with fire, all the leaders of your tribes and your elders came to me.²⁴ And you said, "The LORD our God has shown us his glory and his majesty, and we have heard his voice from the fire. Today we have seen that a person can live even if God speaks with them.

Deuteronomy 4:12 (NIV)

Then the LORD spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice.

Have you heard the voice out of the Fire of His Presence?

Draw near to hear - don't stand far away - whispers cannot be heard far away – whispers can only be heard close up.

God is looking for a people that will press in and not back up!

You want the voice of God? Get close to the Fire! Don't let your nervousness get the best of you.

God is looking for a people who will press in and not give up! Don't let your nervousness hinder you.

Exodus 20:18-21 (NIV)

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance¹⁹ and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

²¹ The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

God didn't just want Moses, He wanted ALL His people! He wants ALL of us

The presence of God - the people were nervous - they stayed at a distance - God didn't just want Moses - he wanted all his people!

Don't be afraid! God has come to test you!

The Fire of God will always try us. Fire of God will transform us!

Don't be afraid of God, the closer we get to the presence of God those things begin to fall away from us – It's not terrifying – It's Grace!

James 4:8 (NIV)

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Exodus 20:20 (NIV)

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

Isaiah 66:2 (NIV)

*Has not my hand made all these things,
and so they came into being?"*

Declares the LORD.

"These are the ones I look on with favor:

*those who are humble and contrite in spirit,
and who tremble at my word.*

You can have no presence but hear the sound

He doesn't want to just speak to you through thunder and fire - God speaks from a still small voice

I long for the day that we get so close - we can hear the whispers from the Father

When we get close to the presence - we get close to the voice

If we hear a voice whispering in your ear to give someone \$100- it's God

He will speak to us more when we steward properly

Exodus 3:1-4 (NIV)

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

The burning bush - Moses sees the glory - the bush is on fire - but not being burned up

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look,

God was testing Moses to see if he would draw near

Moses could have passed that bush and never heard God's voice, but He was testing Moses to see if he would draw near to the Fire.

Anything that separates us from the presence will hinder us from the voice

Take you shoes off - means let it go

Let this worry go, Let this concern go – Let it Go.. Let it Go...

Get rid of anything that separates you from the ground that my presence has touched, because God wants to talk to you and He cannot talk to you until you get rid of the stuff that is hindering his voice.

I don't want a move of God to pass me by.

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NIV)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."*

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Purging is good - anything that so consumes us that hinders us from the presence of God is sin. We need to get rid of these things that hinder the presence of God.

Just take your shoes off - take off anything that hinders the voice of God

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God draws near to the humble of heart

Points for Hearing God's Voice:

1. Don't be afraid of the Presence

2. Begin to worship the Lord

When we truly get close to the presence of God - the only response is worship

God's presence pulls worship out of me - it evokes adoration

3. Repent of anything that the hand of God begins to touch

- don't look back! Don't let people drag you into your own past

4. Recognize the spontaneous thoughts of the voice of God

- Believe that you have the mind of Christ - sometimes his thoughts are tucked into your own thoughts and begin to roll out

Write it down - keep a journal - submit it to a person who has a keen awareness to the voice of God

Anointing your ears - consecrate you ears to the voice of the Lord today. Pray that God would speak to you today.

God Bless You!