

# Hearing God

## *Two Key Questions*

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### The Monument

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1) \_\_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ Is \_\_\_\_\_ ?

⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ Too \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.

(Isaiah 40:28)

You have searched me, LORD,  
and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.

(Psalm 139:1-4)

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

(Matthew 10:29-31)

⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ Too \_\_\_\_\_.

He is not far from any one of us. "For in him we live and move and have our being."

(Acts 17:27-28)

⇒ \_\_\_\_ . . . Am \_\_\_\_\_ .

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?  
(1 Corinthians 3:16)

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?  
(1 Corinthians 6:19)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ . . . \_\_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."  
(Matthew 22:37)

If from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.  
(Deuteronomy 4:29)

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.  
(Jeremiah 29:13)

We find God to the degree we *want* to find him. Until our passion for finding God exceeds all other passions, and until we long to know him as our Lord and friend more than to use him to get what we want (the way a spoiled child uses a rich father), we will not find him as deeply as he longs to be found. . . . God wants to let us find him. . . . God delights to be discovered. He is not playing hard to get. Something about the way we are and who he is makes it necessary for us to want him more than we want anyone or anything else before we can find him. "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you." declares the LORD." (Jeremiah 29:13-14)  
(Larry Crabb, *Finding God*)



*Hearing God is but one dimension of a richly interactive relationship, and obtaining guidance is but one facet of hearing God. . . . Hearing God makes sense only in the framework of living in the will of God. . . . I fear that many people seek to hear God solely as a device for obtaining their own safety, comfort and sense of being righteous. . . . Nothing will go right in our effort to hear God if this false motivation is its foundation.*

God simply will not cooperate. . . . in our attempts to understand how God speaks to us and guides us we must, above all, hold on to the fact that learning how to hear God is to be sought *only as a part of a certain kind of life*, a life of loving fellowship with the King . . . We must therefore make it our primary goal not just to hear the voice of God, but to be mature people in a loving relationship with him. Only in this way will we hear him rightly.  
(Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*)