

Hearing God

Discerning God's Voice (Part 2)

The Decision

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1) The _____ ... _____ It _____ With _____?

2) _____ ...
_____ I _____ About _____?

3) The _____ ...
_____ It's _____?

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

(John 10:27, NASB95)

⇒ _____

The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is majestic. (Psalm 29:4)

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. (Matthew 7:28-29)

The voice of the subconscious argues with you, tries to convince you; but the inner voice of God does not argue, does not try to convince you. It just speaks, and it is self-authenticating. It has the feel of the voice of God within it. (E. Stanley Jones, *A Song of Ascents*)

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<u>God's Voice</u>	<u>The Enemy's Voice</u>
Calms	Obsesses
Comforts	Worries
Convicts	Condemns
Encourages	Discourages
Enlightens	Confuses
Leads	Pushes
Reassures	Frightens
Stills	Rushes

The voice of God speaking in our souls also bears within itself a characteristic spirit. It is a *spirit* of exalted peacefulness and confidence, of joy, of sweet reasonableness and of goodwill. (Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*)

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The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever. (Psalm 19:7-9)

4) _____ . . . _____ It _____ ?

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.

(Isaiah 40:8)

God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.
Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfill?

(Numbers 23:19)

5) _____ . . . _____ It _____ ?

1 Samuel 3/Proverbs 20:27

Just keep this practical advice in mind: when thoughts recur, always stop prayerfully to consider whether this may be an appearance of the Lord's "candle" or whether the thoughts have some other significance. Although reoccurring thoughts are not always an indication that God is speaking, they are not to be lightly disregarded.

(Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*)

6) _____ . . .

_____ There _____ ?

"If you believe God has told you to do something, ask him to confirm it to you three times: through his word, through circumstances, and through other people who may know nothing of the situation." This precept of three witnesses is not a law, but it is a good rule of thumb in an area where rules of thumb are badly needed.

(Jean Darnell, Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*)

7) _____ . . . _____ It _____ ?

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD.

(Isaiah 11:2)

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One Key Principle

⇒ _____ . . . _____ .

A good name is more desirable than great riches;
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

(Proverbs 22:1)