

## CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? pt. 2

How To Hear The Voice Of God

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Text: Luke 22:50-51; John 18:10

### I. THE SHAPE & SIZE OF THE HUMAN EAR The Myths, Mysteries and Meaning



- Big & Round ears - Strong personality Often ambitious
- Large & Fleshy ears - Proud & Pretentious
- Small ears - Intelligent. Mentally bright
- Oval ears - Studious. Disciplined thinker
- Cauliflower ears - Frustrated temperament. Less sophisticated

A Right Ear larger than your Left Ear: More Artistic & Intuitive

A Left Ear larger than your Right Ear: More rational. Deeper thinker

### II. A King, The King; Jesus' Last Miracle Before the Cross Jn. 18:10

Malchus' name means "king" or "belonging to the king." Ironically, he did not come to honor Jesus the King, but to arrest Him, with a mob, on the night before he was crucified.

### III. WHY WE NEED TO KNOW GOD HEARS US

1. He gives **comfort** when we're **confused** Prov. 3:5,6

2. He provides **Direction** in our **Chaos** Is. 30:21

3. Prayer provides **Hope & Help** when we're hurting Rom. 12:12

4. He gives us assurance that with Him... **nothing is impossible**! Mt. 19:26

### IV. CAN YOU HEAR HIM NOW?

#### 1. GOD SPEAKS TODAY

"My sheep hear My voice..."

John 10:27

#### 2. THE WORLD IS VERY LOUD

"The worries of this world, distracts..."

Mark 4:18,19

#### 3. GOD'S VOICE IS OFTEN QUIET

"After the wind, earthquake, fire, came a gentle whisper."

1 Kings 19:11,12

#### 4. HEARING GOD REQUIRES DESIRED PROXIMITY

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

James 4:8

#### 5. GOD SPEAKS MOST CLEARLY TO THE WILLINGS

"Blessed are those who hunger & thirst after righteousness, they shall be satisfied."

Mt. 5:6

### V. 4 AIDS IN HEARING GOD SPEAK

1. **Cultivate** an open heart

"Break up the fallow ground for it is time to seek the Lord..." Hos. 10:12

2. **Allocate** time to listen

"... they received the word with great eagerness... examining daily..." Acts 17:11

3. **Eliminate** distractions

"Be still, and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10

4. **Cooperate** with what God says

"But prove yourselves doers of the word and not merely hearers." Jas. 1:22,23

The mark of Jesus' sheep is not perfection - it's

**recognition** and **response**