

HEARING AIDS: DISTINGUISHING GOD'S VOICE

Series: CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

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Text: Genesis 3 (selective)

I. 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*

II. 5 WAYS GOD SPEAKS TO US TODAY

Through...

1. The beauty of creation *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." Ps. 19:1*
2. His Word *"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:105*
3. Other People *"In a multitude of counsel, there is success." Prov. 15:22*

4. Circumstances (i.e. Open and Closed Doors)

"We devise our plans, but the Lord directs our steps."

Prov. 16:9

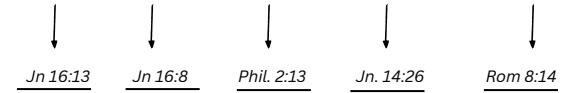
- God directs our steps through: Opportunities, Delays, and Disappointments

5. The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth."

John 16:13

The Spirit **guides, convicts, prompts, comforts** and **directs** believers.



III. HEARING AIDS... Distinguishing God's Voice

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me"

John 10:27

- H** His Creation
- E** Every Word of Scripture
- A** Advice From Godly Counsel
- R** Roads He Opens and Closes (Circumstances)
- S** Spirit's Promptings

IV. GOD'S VOICE OR MY THOUGHTS?

HOW TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

1. Does it COINCIDE or CONFLICT with the Word? *Titus 1:2, Jn 17:17*
2. Does it BRING ME PEACE? *Phi. 4:7; Ps 85:8*
3. DOES IT BEAR WITNESS WITH GODLY COUNSEL? *Prov. 24:6*
4. Is there CONFUSION? *1 Cor. 14:33*
5. Does it GLORIFY GOD? *1 Cor. 10:31*