

Hearing God

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1. **How does God speak?** God speaks to us by his _____ . . . using the _____ as a primary tool . . . focusing upon _____ ! Romans 8:16; Revelation 2:7; 1 Corinthians 2:10 ~ 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12 ~ John 16:14; Luke 24:27; John 5:39

2. **How do we hear God's voice?** We hear God's voice in our _____ ! John 3:3, 6; Romans 8:16

3. **What does God normally say to us?** God tells us repeatedly we are his _____ – we are accepted, secure, and significant! Romans 8:15-16

A Case Study of Hearing God in the Life of Samuel

1. God loves to talk, and his voice is as _____ as any other voice. 1 Samuel 3:4

2. Hearing God's voice is a _____ to be learned, and requires Holy Spirit revelation. 1 Samuel 3:7; John 10:27

3. God is glad to _____ himself. 1 Samuel 3:6

4. God wants your undivided _____. 1 Samuel 3:9

5. What God says may be _____. 1 Samuel 3:17

6. God's voice initially spoken to you in private (as if you were the only one listening) is normally confirmed _____. 1 Samuel 3:18

7. The more you listen and obey, the _____ God speaks to you. 1 Samuel 3:19

The Holy Spirit comes alongside us – _____ to us as our Advocate, Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Teacher (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7).

Seven Tests to Discern the Voice of God

1. Does it align with Scripture?
2. Is it true to God's character?
3. Does it make me contrite and humble, or hardened and proud (Isaiah 66:2)?
4. Does it exalt Christ or me?
5. Does it reinforce what God has been saying to me through other sources (Bible, prayer, circumstances, others)?
6. Does it generate faith or fear, peace or confusion (2 Timothy 1:7)?
7. Does it advance Christ's kingdom or my own?