

SERMON – “The Voice of the Spirit”

1 KINGS 19:9-12 – Elijah clearly **heard** God’s still, small voice.

The “still, small voice” of God is actually the **voice** of the Holy Spirit. The **book of Acts** confirms that **the Holy Spirit speaks to believers!**

ACTS 8:29 – The Spirit told **Philip** to get on the Ethiopian’s chariot.

ACTS 10:19-20 – The Spirit told **Peter** to go to Cornelius’ house.

ACTS 11:12 – **Peter** said the Spirit told him to go to Cornelius’ house.

ACTS 13:2 – The Spirit spoke to the **apostles** about ministry work.

ACTS 21:11 – The Spirit told **Agabus** about Paul’s imprisonment.

We can see **abundant biblical evidence** to show that the Holy Spirit **speaks** to believers! And because the Spirit is the **personal presence** of Christ with us, the **HOLY SPIRIT’S VOICE** is the VOICE OF CHRIST!

JOHN 10:27-29 – The followers of Christ **know** the Shepherd’s voice!

Have you ever heard the Shepherd’s Voice, the voice of the Spirit? RE: Norman; sheep. Christ’s voice is **not** necessarily an audible voice (although some people claim this!). The **VOICE OF THE SPIRIT** that I speak of consists of **quiet impressions** in the **thoughts of the mind!**

Sources of God’s Voice: (1) **Scripture** (ultimate test); (2) **nature** (2nd Bible); (3) **providential leadings** (open/closed doors); (4) **wisdom of a consecrated group** (votes; etc.); and (5) **people** (bring messages).

Focus – The Spirit speaks to us through the **voice of conscience**. RE: CD/Kulaqua. Do you hear “The Voice of the Spirit” in your mind?

2T 347: “The brain nerves which communicate with the entire system are the only medium through which Heaven can communicate with man and affect his inmost life.”

CLAIM – “I have never heard God’s voice.” (Uneasiness; compelling urge?). If we learn to **slow down, relax, and concentrate** our minds

on God, we can **hear** “The Voice of the Spirit.” RE: Miami; tax info; contentious member transfer. Do we hear “The Voice of the Spirit”?

TMK 361: “We want to become so sensitive to holy influences that the lightest whisper of Jesus will move our souls.” RE: Navy papers.

QUESTION: Can we trust every impression? **NO** – we are not crazy mystics! We must learn to **DISCERN** which **impressions** come from God! **SCRIPTURE** is the **ULTIMATE TEST!** RE: Brian (both right)? What if there is **NO MORAL ISSUE** at stake? If this is the case, we must **test a little closer** (deny self; put others first). RE: wood gift; \$100 bill.

QUESTION: Are there any **VOICE-BLOCKERS**? **Yes** – (1) **a fast-paced life**; (2) **weak/no devotional life**; (3) **refusal to surrender some sin in the life**; (4) **violating health laws**; and (5) **excessive TV/Media**. When God speaks, we **must follow without delay!** RE: shattered glass.

1 SAMUEL 15:22-23 – **Refusing** to obey God’s voice is **rebellion!**

AG 202: “The Lord requires us to obey the voice of duty, when there are other voices all around us urging us to pursue an opposite course. It requires earnest attention from us to distinguish the voice which speaks from God. We must resist and conquer inclination, and obey the voice of conscience without parleying or compromise, lest its promptings cease and will and impulse control. The word of the Lord comes to us all who have not resisted His Spirit by determining not to hear and obey.”

HEBREWS 3:7-8, 12-15 – Don’t **harden** against the Spirit’s voice!

MH 58: “All who are under the training of God . . . must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. He bids us, ‘Be still, and know that I am God.’” RE: Christa (phone; rental); Rev. 3:20. Do you hear “The Voice of the Spirit”? Will you choose to respond to the Spirit’s voice?