



“Hearing God’s Voice in a Chaotic World”

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Texts: James 1:19-25, Matthew 7:24-27, Isaiah 55:3, John 8:47, Malachi 2:5-7, Deuteronomy 11:13-24, Deuteronomy 28:1-14, Deuteronomy 30:1-20, Job 36:9-12

The world we live in today is so full of confusion, turmoil, immorality, corruption, defilement, violence, broken marriages, broken families, social media, wars, murder, terrorism, and insane killing that it’s really becoming difficult and challenging to hear God’s voice clearly for our lives. There are so many voices that can infiltrate our minds that can keep us from hearing God clearly and obeying Him. We must realize that not obeying God keeps us from prospering and being blessed.

We must hold ourselves responsible for spending time in prayer and fellowship with God so the Holy Spirit can talk to us, guide us, teach us, lead us into all truth, and show us things to come for our lives. Without the Holy Spirit leading and guiding us we can become confused and even become victims of our own mind creating voices and information that is not from God. If we’re carnal we can’t hear God’s voice. See Romans 8:5-13. A good example of how important sincere prayer and fellowship with God is to **Hear God’s Voice in a Chaotic World** is Jesus in Matthew 26:36-46.

Jesus was getting ready to be tortured and

crucified for the sins of all mankind and had to hear God’s voice in the midst of extreme pressure and difficulty. We too must be able to Hear God’s voice when the pressures of life and the world are surrounding and pounding on us.

The Holy Spirit is our comforter, guide, and aid to help us **Hear God’s Voice in a Chaotic World.**

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16: And I will pray the Father; and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever.

17: Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him: for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

It is very difficult if not impossible to walk in total obedience to God if you can’t hear His voice clearly, especially with all the chaos and confusion in the sin sick world we live in. No wonder the Apostle Paul teaches not to be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds in Romans 12:2.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said

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unto you.

John 16:13 Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak and He will show you things to come.

A big part of **Hearing God’s Voice in a Chaotic World** comes from having consistent exposure to the spoken word taught by your spiritual leader or Pastor. Hebrews 13:17 says they watch for your soul so God has to direct them as to what He wants you to hear, believe, and obey. So their voice is God’s voice in audible expression.

James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.
21: Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
22: But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
23: For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass.
24: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

When you’re being led by and submitted to the Holy Spirit He won’t let you forget what kind of person you are and what you need to change to please God.

25: But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

A good scriptural example of hearing God’s voice through the instructional words God speaks to you through your spiritual leader, Priest, or Pastor is found Malachi 2:5-7.

Malachi 2:5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

6: The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

7: For the priest’s lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

Hearing God’s Voice in a Chaotic World enables us to be obedient to Him which leads to success and supernatural prosperity and

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increase.

Deuteronomy 11:13 And it shall come to pass if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

14: That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

15: And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that though mayest eat and be full.

21: That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

It’s interesting to note that **Hearing God’s Voice in a Chaotic World** can lead to extended life and multiplied days for you and your children as well as heavenly life right here on earth, and possession of the land wherever your feet tread.

24: Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.

The heading for Deuteronomy 28:1-14 says **The Blessings for Obedience**. It’s very difficult to be obedient to God’s voice if you can’t hear Him clearly. You must be taught God’s word clearly and consistently by God’s spiritual leader He sets you under in order to be obedient and blessed. Notice very carefully what verse 1 says, and verse 2, also.

Deuteronomy 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

Please read and study verses 3-14 to see all the supernatural and tremendous blessings promised for hearkening diligently unto God’s voice that He speaks through the Pastor or visionary He sets you under. Please note that the words hearken diligently come from the Hebrew word shaw-mah, which means: to hear intelligently, give attention, and obedience to. Now let’s study Deuteronomy 30 for more insight.

Deuteronomy 30:2 And shalt return unto

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the Lord thy God, and shalt obey His voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart and with all thy soul.

Verse 6 is really huge in its significance.

6: And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Please note that the word live comes from the Hebrew word kha-lee and means: to live prosperously, to live forever, life associated with health, remain alive, sustain life, vitality, revive from sickness, discouragement, or even death, vigorous fresh.

8: And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all His commandments which I command thee this day.

9: And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers.

10: If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which

are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Let’s look at how clear Job 36:10-12 is about hearing God’s voice, being obedient, and prospering.

Job 36:10 He openeth also their ear to discipline and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

11: If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

12: But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

The Penalty for not **Hearing God’s Voice in a Chaotic World**: wrong decisions, wrong directions, wrong desires, deception.

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