



Discerning the Voice of God:

- ✦ How can we grow in discerning what God is saying?
- ✦ How do we prepare to hear God's voice?
- ✦ We need to prepare to hear God's voice. Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." We need to cultivate inner stillness.
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✦ Psalm 19:1-2, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth."

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- 1 Chronicles 25:1,3, "David, together with the commanders of the army, set apart some of the sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals. . . Jeduthun, who prophesied, using the harp in thanking and praising the Lord."

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 - ✦ Be willing to test what you hear.

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- 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22, "Do not put out the Spirit's fire. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject whatever is harmful."

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- ✦ How does God speak?
- ✦ First, sometimes God speaks audibly. (Jesus; Paul)
- ✦ Second, sometimes God speaks through a picture. Acts 2:17f, "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." (e.g., Joseph; vision – picture; e.g., property)

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- ✦ How does God speak?
- ✦ Third, sometimes God speaks through a tongue and an interpretation. (1 Cor. 14) A tongue is a spiritual language that helps people to connect to God. (Nigeria)
- ✦ Fourth, sometimes God speaks through a strong emotion. (John 16) (e.g., conviction, the creeps; compassion – L; caution)

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- ✦ How does God speak?
- ✦ Fifth, sometimes God speaks through a word that we can see in our mind's eye. (Forgiveness; Hebrew)
- ✦ Finally, sometimes God speaks through a whisper. He often directs our thoughts. John 14-16.
- ✦ Take time to get into His presence, ask a question, and let him direct your thoughts. Then test it. (knowing) (secret)

