

CHAPTER 1

What Does the Bible Say about Hearing?

*Jesus said,
"My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them, and they follow Me."*

John 10:27

In this chapter we will dive into how God hears us and how we can hear Him. Even as Jesus stated in the above verse, we can rest assured that we can hear Him speak. However, there is a stipulation! First and foremost, He stated that those who hear, were His sheep. If we have not surrendered our life to Him wholeheartedly, as being in His sheep fold, we will not hear His voice (John 8:47). Jesus stated that loud and clear in this verse. If you are not in His sheep fold, I recommend you go to the end of

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the *Introduction* of this book, and pray the prayer of salvation. Get in His sheep fold!

Now, as children of God, who know that we are blood bought, and in covenant with Him, we automatically have the *ability* to hear Him speak. It's because He knows us, but do we know Him? Just because we have the *ability* to hear Him speak, does not mean we will. However, that's when we just *simply* begin to build a relationship with Him. It's as simple as hearing a loved one speak to you, because you have built a relationship with them. They may say something that others around will not understand, but because you *know* them, you get what they are actually saying. It is a process to get to really *know* a person, and the same is with hearing His still small voice. We must get to *know* Him. We can learn Him and His ways, by reading the Bible and listening to Bible based teaching. The more we read, the more we learn how He operates. He will always speak according to the Bible, which are His words. The voice you hear, will line up with the principles of His word.

If we search a little deeper into the verse at the beginning of this chapter, we will find some interesting promises. Not only will He hear us, but we must be listening for Him to speak. Are we waiting for the God of the universe to speak to us? Let's read that verse; John 10:27 in the AMPC:

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The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.

These letters in my Bible are red, which means Jesus is speaking. He is saying that we are His and we hear Him, because we are listening to Him. We can train ourselves to be sensitive to His slightest whisper. It's sort of like how a parent can distinguish their children's voices out of a crowd. Or how a married couple can distinguish their spouse's voice from others in a room of chattering people. The list could go on, like best friends just look at one another and know what the other friend is thinking! That only comes from spending time with someone. The same is true when we become familiar with the way He speaks to us. That's relationship! This verse goes on to say that He knows us! He really *knows* us, He formed us in our mother's womb (Ps 139:13). He calls us by name (Isa 43:1). Thus, He knows how to speak to us so we will hear Him. In fact, He wrote a book all about each one of us! We can find that in Psalms 139:13-18:

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And *in Your book* they all were

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written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You.

WOW! He *knows* us inside and out! And guess what? The more we read, pray, and fast, the more we will *know* Him also. I know we don't like to hear that word, *fast*. However, when we do fast, which Jesus expects us to do (Matt 6:16), it clears our minds so that we can actually hear Him clearer! After you get accustomed to fasting, you will see exactly what I mean. Then you'll wonder why you didn't start sooner!

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