



“Hearing God’s Voice” part 2 Sun Sept 13, 2026

Foundation Scriptures: John 10:27 & I Kings 19:13

I. *The Prayer Closet*

A. *Matthew 6:5-9*

1. ***Closet – Secret Chamber (The Place Away From the Noise/Stranger’s Voice)***
 - Remember, Hearing God’s Voice must be Intentional not Passive.
 - The Closer to God you get, the more like Him you become...and this is exactly why Satan works with all his might to keep you from God’s gentle and powerful voice!
 - ***“Psalm 91:1 “He that dwells....where? In the SECRET PLACE...”***
2. God not only hears our prayers, but answers them...
 - Prayer is not just going to God in time of need; it is Relationship/Kinship/Father-Son Communication
 - ***I Peter 3:12 “His ears are open to our prayers...”***
 - ***Matthew 21:22 & John 16:24***

B. Following His Voice...Following Jesus as our example

1. Jesus knew the importance of being alone with God...***Matthew 14:23***
2. ***John 11:41-42*** in parallel with ***I John 5:14-15*** (POWERFUL!)
3. ***John 12:50*** – If we are only speaking what God tells us to speak, we stay out of trouble! (What is that one thing we work on the most? Our mouth!)
4. ***Acts 10:19-20*** (Notice how clear the voice of God can be in our lives...)

II. Understanding Closed & Open Doors Concept

A. Should a Christian pray, “Lord open the doors that need to be opened and shut the ones that need to be closed?”

1. This is a poor and immature way to pray with little to no understanding of the voice of God.
2. Paul only prayed in ***Colossians 4:3*** that God would open a door...
3. ***Matthew 2:12-14*** – God did not shut a door; He warned Joseph and told him plainly which door to walk through!
4. ***I Thessalonians 2:18*** – Satan was the one closing a door, not God!

B. Does God use circumstances to speak to us?

1. Simple logic always trumps religious thinking: “If circumstances were used by God to lead us in the paths that we should go, then how would we know the difference between the devil hindering us and God leading us? (How did Jesus know to rebuke the winds and waves, sickness and disease, etc?)
2. People listening and obeying / 25 years ago on 9/11 – the stories of people who had a dream, heard the still small voice, or just simply knew not to go to work that day (and even a few that survived by the grace of God after they went anyway) / Terror at Tenerife (Norman Williams) / trip to Nicaragua
3. God is not interested in hindering us only helping us (Pharaoh – Red Sea)