



“Heaven’s Continuum” part 3 Sun Aug 6, 2023

I. **Hebrews 11:6**

A. Faith...the Revelation

1. There is no sickness, no poverty, no fear, no doubt, no drama, no unbelief, no curse, no strife, anger, weariness...no problems, no devil in heaven!
2. The only thing that exists in heaven is faith!
3. How do I receive here in the natural world something that exists all the time in the spiritual world? How can I get it to manifest here in my life and eliminate the time/distance between “point a” and “point b”?
 - **Come to God...** “Come unto me all...” (**Matthew 11:28**)
 - **Believe in God (Hebrews 11:6)**
 - **Believe in Who He Is** (His Character...Goodness/Rewarder)

B. Faith...The Relationship

1. When you develop the revelation of faith, then you can move to relationship. Most people view faith only as the thing that’s needed to “get things” from God. But faith is about trust, communication...relationship.
2. **Matthew 16:13-19** / Here is the answer to the questions we asked earlier: you receive the keys to heaven so you have power on this earth.
3. What we have said the last 2 services: **“The Closer to God in heaven you become, the stronger on earth you will be.”** So the question is, “How do I get close to God?” The obvious answer is “By Faith.” But how do I get faith? **Romans 10:17** “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.” So the real answer is simply “Learn how to hear the voice of God.”

II. **John 10:27-28**

A. From Revelation to Relationship to Identity

1. There are 2 main reasons why Christians do not hear the voice of God... The # 1 reason is They don’t know God’s identity and their own.
2. Peter found out who he was because He knew who God was. His Identity was revealed to him through relationship. Find out who God is, and He will reveal to you who you are! Most people think their identity is qualified by what they do (their vocation), but what you do should be a reflection of who you are! Your Identity is “Being” Not “doing.” Bring your identity into your vocation instead of finding your identity from your vocation....“*In Him I live and move...*”
3. God speaks to you through your identity...not who you think you should be, but who the Creator made you to be. This is why **II Corinthians 5:17** is so important – **Creature: formation, creation** / when you come to Jesus by faith, He gives you a new identity, and it is through this that you are able to

- hear His voice! (Less than 10% of Christians know their identity / true happiness comes from true identity).
4. John the Baptist is a powerful example of the importance of finding out who you are; he never knew that he was Elijah and Satan took advantage of this; John the Baptist actually lost the voice of God in his life; this is why there are so many people that are offended today (just like John the Baptist was); you won't be offended if you are confident in who God made you to be!
- B. The # 2 reason why Christians do not hear God's voice is because they do not take the time to hear Him...and then respond to what they have heard.
1. The common understanding in life is this: In order to gain knowledge, you must ask for knowledge. **So the first step is simply ask... Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it shall be given..."**, **James 1:5-6 "If any lack wisdom....ask in faith..."**
 2. What should I ask? **1.) "Lord, what do you want me to know?"**, and **2.) "What do you want me to do"?**
 3. Your Response is Necessary
 - Once God speaks to you (to your spirit...your heart...your whole being / will discuss more next week), then you must respond / Ask and then be attentive to hear the answer....don't ask and walk away (this is not faith).
 - Obedience is two-fold: First to Hear and 2nd to Respond (Abraham had to respond to God's voice when He told him to leave his country in **Genesis 12:1-2**. The blessing came through His obedience).
 - Most people don't respond because of one thing: Fear (form of unbelief). The #1 exhortation in the Bible is "Don't be afraid." And when a person doesn't respond, guess what happens to the voice of God...It becomes distant until he goes back to the place that he left it!
- C. How do I know it's God's voice (and not me or the pizza I ate last night)?
1. It will line up with Scripture.
 2. It will energize you / It will bear witness with you.
 3. It will make sense to you.