

# “JOHN HEARD THE VOICE”

## Message #5

**Text:** Revelation 1:12-15  
**Subject:** How To Know The Voice Of God!

### Introduction

- ◆ In message 1 – John sees the *Robe* of Jesus...  
...How Jesus is our High Priest and gives us access into the very presence of God.
- ◆ In message 2 – John sees the *Hair* of Jesus...  
...How Jesus is full of pure wisdom and imparts His wisdom to those who follow Him.
- ◆ In message 3 – John sees the *Eyes* of Jesus...  
...How Jesus is our refiner’s fire and sees into the depths of our being.
- ◆ In message 4 – John sees the *Feet* of Jesus...  
...How Jesus has power over the power of sin to dominate any believer.
- ◆ In message 5 – John hears the *Voice* of Jesus...

(Revelation 1:15)

“And His *Voice* as the sound of many waters”

(Keep In Mind)

#1. John sees Jesus in the midst of His church:

(Verse 13)

“And in the midst of the seven candlesticks”

#2. It is Jesus who is revealing Himself to us:

(Verse 13)

“One like unto the Son of Man”

#3. It is God who has a message for us:

(Verse 11)

“Send this revelation to all the churches”

**Question:** What does Jesus now show John so that John could show us?

**Answer:** That Jesus is still speaking to us and He wants us to know His voice.

**Question:** How do we know these 2 things?

#1. There was the *Voice*:

- ◆ Revealing to us that Jesus is still speaking.

#2. The voice boomed as **the sound of many waters**.

- ◆ To emphasize the fact that Jesus wants us to hear Him (and to know what He is saying).

**Question:** Why is this subject so important?

**Answer:** (4 reasons to write down in your notes)

#1. Because God is still **speaking** in 2004:

- ◆ Jesus said, “His sheep follow Him, because they know His voice” (John 10:4)

#2. Because God wants us to **hear** Him clearly:

- ◆ In I Samuel 3:9, Eli said to Samuel, “Go lie down, and it shall be, if God calls you, say, speak Lord, for thy servant heareth”.

(In Other Words)

We need God’s instruction more than God needs our instruction!

#3. Because God intends that we know His **will**:

- ◆ Paul said to the believers in Ephesus in Ephesians 5:17, “Be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is”.

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#4. Because God knows there are **false** (counterfeit) voices everywhere:

- ◆ Ephesians 5:6 – “Let no man deceive you with vain words”
- ◆ Romans 16:17,18 – “Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them: For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple”.
- ◆ II Thessalonians 2:3 – “Let no man deceive you by any means”.
- ◆ I Timothy 4:1 – “In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils”.
- ◆ II Timothy 4:2 – “Preach the Word” (Why?) Verse 3, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears” (or itching for sermons that are void of content that produces Godly character).
- ◆ Titus 1:10,11 – “For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not”.
- ◆ II Peter 2:1 – “There shall be false teachers among you, who privately shall bring in damnable heresies”.

**(So Let's Discern The Voice Of God)**

**(Here are some characteristics to help us discern “His” Voice)**

#1. God's voice is a **Familiar** voice!

- ◆ Sheep in the field, know the shepherds voice when they hear it.
- ◆ When a husband loses sight of his wife in the mall and hears “Honey” he knows her voice.

**(Why?)**

Because it's familiar and over time we all can discern those voices we come to know.

#2. God's voice is an **Inner** voice!

- ◆ It's not normally a vision.
- ◆ It's not normally a burning bush.
- ◆ It's not normally an audible “Hey you”.
- ◆ It's not normally a supernatural handwriting on the wall.

**(Instead)**

- ◆ It's that inner voice of impression upon your heart.
- ◆ It's that still small voice of impression. (I Kings 19:11,12)

**Question:** Why is this characteristic so important?

**Answer:** Because human nature has a flare for the dramatic and sensational.

#3. God's voice is a **Personal** voice!

- ◆ The Lord called Adam and Zacheus and Bartimaeus by name, and the Lord knows your name as well.
- ◆ So be careful of anyone who tells you this:  
“God told me that you are supposed to do this or that”.

#4. God's voice is an **Important** voice! (I Mean)

- ◆ God probably won't tell you what color neck tie to wear.
- ◆ He'll probably let you decide if you want to buy a Ford or a Chevy.
- ◆ He probably won't shout back if you ask him, “Lord, should I go to McDonalds or Burger King?”

**(On The Other Hand)**

- ◆ Be open to the Lord's confirmation about your spouse, your occupation, your major (life affecting) decisions.

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#5. God's voice is a **Peaceful** voice!

- ◆ It's the devil who confuses us.
- ◆ It's the devil who leaves you upset.
- ◆ It's the devil who brings disharmony and disorder.

**(Colossians 3:15 Says:)**

“Let the peace of God rule (or umpire) your heart” (Which Means:)

- ◆ A lack of peace is God's way of telling you not to go ahead with a decision!

#6. God's voice is a **Recurring** voice!

- ◆ God called Samuel 3 times until He got Samuel's attention. (I Samuel 3:3-8)

**(In Other Words)**

- ◆ Don't be afraid you will miss God's one chance will for your life.
- ◆ Be encouraged to know – that God will speak again to you about His will for your life.

#7. God's voice is a **Measurable** voice! (In Other Words)

- ◆ The voice of God will never contradict the Word of God (Because),
- ◆ The Word of God is the Will of God for every person here.
- ◆ The measuring plumbline is the channel or boundary or fence line of the Word.

**Question:** How many of you are glad you don't need to lean on fortune cookies and horoscopes to be encouraged?

**Question:** Aren't you glad you don't need to depend on a palm reader at some mall?

**Question:** How many of you “Thank God” that the Word is a more direct line (than the psychic line)?

**(Some Final Things To Remember)**

#1. It doesn't have to be **nonsense** to be spiritual!

#2. It doesn't have to be **weird** to be God!

#3. It doesn't have to be **flashy** to be anointed!

**(And Don't Forget)**

- ◆ “If you feel **pressured** its probably not God, if you feel **led** it just might be the Lord”.
- ◆ “Its okay to **counsel** with spiritual people in your life about decisions and direction”.
- ◆ “If your motive is to do the will of God, rest assured that you will not miss the **leading** of the Lord”.
- ◆ “If you are submitted totally to the Lord, He can lead you and speak to you...”

#1... Through His **Word**.

#2... Through His **Spirit**.

#3... Through other **People**.

#4... Through your **Circumstances**.

#5... Through **open** and **closed** doors.

**“He Leadeth Me” (Psalm 23:3)**

**Question:** What did Jesus say in Revelation 3:20?

**Answer:** “Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in”

**AMEN!**  
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