

Hearing God's Voice

John 10

John 10:1-3

¹ “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 10:4-6

⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

John 10:7-9

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 10:10-12

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

John 10:13-16

¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 10:3-4, 27

³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The **sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.** ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and **the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.**

²⁷ **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.**

3 Key Truths

1. The sheep HEAR His voice. (John 10:5,8)
2. The sheep are KNOWN by the Shepherd.
 - A. He calls His sheep by name, they know His voice.(10:4)
 - B. Like the relationship between The Father and Son. (10:14-15)
3. The sheep FOLLOW the shepherd.

How God Speaks

- Through other people.
- Through events or circumstances.
- Through dreams and visions (*Joel 2:28-29*)
- Sometimes “we just know” and have His peace.
- Through an Audible Voice
- Through a “Still Small Voice” (*1 Kings 19:11-12*)
- Through God’s Word (*Heb 4:12*)

Obstacles to HEARING

- Un-confessed Sin (1 John 1:6-7)
- Busyness
- Too much “NOISE”
- Lack of time in God’s Word
- One-Sided Prayers (Talking, not listening)

What We Need

Psalm 46:10 “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

We need to practice

SILENCE

SOLITUDE

WAITING on God

Closing Questions

- Are you HEARING God's voice?
- Are you FOLLOWING?
- What is the biggest obstacle in your life keeping you from hearing God's voice?
- When will you practice silence and solitude this week?