

Hearing God's Voice

We all want to hear from God, but many of us want to hear only certain things and we listen with the expectation that when we hear from Him; we will hear what it is that we want to hear. But sometimes when we hear from God, what He says is not what we expect or what we would like to hear.



4 things for your consideration:

- **Be Willing** to chart a new course with a new behavior and identity; **Acts 10:14** *Not so Lord! For "I have never eaten anything common or unclean.*

Ask God to show you your steps day by day.

- **Be Thoughtful** and meditate on what you hear from God; **Acts 10:17, 19** *Now while Peter wondered within himself... Now while Peter thought about the vision the Spirit said to him...*

Think about the things of God.

- **Be Receiving** of what God said when He confirms what He has said; **Acts 10:20, 21** *Arise therefore go down with them, doubting nothing, for I have sent them. Then Peter went down to the men.*

There is no down side to what God is saying.

- **Be Obedient** to God is saying to you and step out with confidence; **Acts 10:23** *The next day Peter went away with them.*

Pray and obey.

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Introduction: The Bible teaches that God's invisible attributes are expressed through creation. His awesome power as revealed through creation prove that He exists. The philosophers in Athens worshipped many false gods; so many in fact they ran out of names for them. The Bible says that man is groping in darkness for a source of light. All men are seeking something and many don't know that they should be seeking; Someone. God wants us to find Him and for those who have already found Him; He wants us to find Him more.

- **GOD IS** always has been and always will be. **Exodus 3:14** *And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."* This name for God speaks of His eternity. He is The Creator and His existence has no beginning and it has no end.

With Jesus in your heart; GOD IS in you.

- **GOD LOVES** you so much that He gave His Son for you. **John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* Jesus is the ultimate expression of the Father's love for you.

GOD LOVES, and because He does; He loves you.

- **GOD FORGIVES** and because He does; you are safe with Him. **Ephesians 1:7** *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...* The cross of Christ marks the place where God and man meet and where we are reconciled back into good standing in His sight.

GOD FORGIVES the unforgivable among us, at the cross.

- **GOD SAVES** the sinner from what His perfect justice demands. **Rom 1:18** *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men...* Unredeemed man has a very serious problem. God's anger has been aroused against the sinner. Because He is perfectly just; there is a consequence for sin.

GOD SAVES and He only does so through His Son.

God is. God Loves because His essence is love. God Forgives because He loves and He can only forgive because He is. God saves because He can and He only can because He is and He only saves because He forgives and He forgives because He loves. The Bible says that God's ways are high above our ways and that He has come down so that we might look up and receive His grace through His wonderful Son.

May you hear God's voice today, Pastor Gene