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Thus Saith the Lord

HEARING GOD

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There are many sincere religious folks who think God talks to them in some still small voice. There are just as many who put their faith in humanly originated creeds, hoping God will accept them and their worship. However, the truth is that hearing God is much simpler and more consistent than this. Follow this logic.

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds...” Hebrews 1:1-2

It is clear that God speaks to us through His Son and His Son has all authority (Matthew 28:18).

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’” Matthew 28:18

When Jesus left this earth and ascended into Heaven, He told His apostles that He would send them the Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth.

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” John 16:13

Therefore, the question becomes: “How does God speak to us today?” Well, again, going to His revealed Word, He says He does so through His recorded Word.

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

So, let’s sum this up. If we are to listen to God through Jesus (Hebrews 1:1-2), and God has given all authority to Jesus (Matthew 28:18), and Jesus empowered the apostles and inspired writers through the Holy Spirit to guide us into ALL truth, then no one else has any authority and there is not other source of truth! Likewise, if the revealed Scriptures, given by writers inspired by the Holy Spirit, will make you complete and will Thus Saith the Lord equip you for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17), then you need nothing else to be complete and fully equipped, period. Therefore, whatever “voice” someone may or may not hear, any human-originated book or any human being speaking by his own authority, if the message is anything more, less or different than what the Bible says, it is wrong (Deuteronomy 4:2; Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 22:18)!

This solves the problem with any and all supposed “voices” some may claim to hear. This solves the problem with all creed books and alternative revelations. This solves the problem with all false teachers. Because we can know the above information from God’s revealed Word, we can know that NO other voice we hear has any authority whatsoever. How we can know God’s message is to study what He has said in His Word (2 Timothy 2:15).

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