

## What Voice Do You Hear?

There are only two voices out there that we can listen to. That is the voice of good or evil. Do not be deceived! There is no other voice. **What voice are you hearing?** By no means are we a perfect people, but when we listen to the voice of evil, some of us entertain it and eventually do what evil says. When we do what evil says, does it mean we belong to the evil one? **Read part (a) of JOHN 8:47 .**

**JOHN 8:47 NIV – (47)** "He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

Jesus said that the key to being able to hear God's voice is first to be one of His children. One of the greatest mysteries of the universe to my logical mind is how God can communicate with six billion people on the earth at the same time. It is one of those mysteries. The answer to the mystery is simply this, He is Omnipresent. This simply means He is every where at one time. It is as though God places a computer chip in each human being, and when we place our faith and trust in Him, it becomes activated. We begin to communicate with Him. Jesus says that if we are children of God, then we can hear God's voice. He further explains this relationship in the following parable:

**JOHN 10:1-5 NASB - (1)**"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. **(2)**"But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. **(3)**"To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **(4)**"When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. **(5)**"A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

The Shepherd is always representative of Christ. Sheep are representative of God's children. This passage tells us that the Shepherd communicates with His children. We are called by name and we can listen to our Shepherd's voice. There is another comforting aspect to this relationship; the Shepherd goes before the sheep to prepare the way. Jesus has already gone before us today to prepare our way. Knowing the Shepherd and His voice allows us to have the assurance that we will not be fooled by another shepherd's voice. The sheep knows His voice. It is only when we are dull of hearing that we mistakenly hear another voice and follow it. Sin can create a poor frequency in our communication with the Shepherd. Make sure your frequency is free of static (sin) today so that the Shepherd can lead you and go before you.

Finally, distractions can also keep us from hearing our Shepherd's voice. When the sheep get entangled in the fence or wander off, they get too far away to hear the Shepherd's voice. We must stay in close proximity to the Shepherd to hear His voice. Stay close to the Shepherd today. Listen and follow. He wants to lead you.

### SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 8:43

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The vital key to listening is to stop talking!

