

## Recognizing When God Speaks

John 10:2-5

2 The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep.

3 The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and His sheep follow Him because they know His voice.

5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.

Isaiah 55:8-11

8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

### **1. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, IT WILL ALWAYS HONOR CHRIST!**

John 15:26 - "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

John 16:14 - He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

1 John 4:1-3

1. Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

3. but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

## **2. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, IT WILL ALWAYS BE CONSISTANT WITH HIS WORD!**

Luke 21:33 - "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

2 Timothy 3:13-17

13. while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

14. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,

15. and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

16. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

17. so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

## **3. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, IT WILL MANY TIMES CONFLICT WITH HUMAN WISDOM AND THE HUMAN WILL!**

## **4. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, IT WILL CHALLENGE yOUR FAITH!**

Romans 10:17—Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God

## **5. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, IT WILL FIND CONFIRMATION WITH SPIRITUALLY MATURE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE!**

Proverbs 13:20—"He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm."

Proverbs 12:1 - Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.

## **6. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, IT WILL PRODUCE FRUIT!**

Matthew 7:15-16 - Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them.

Galatians 5:22-23 - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

## **7. WHEN GOD SPEAKS, IT WILL BRING PEACE TO OUR SPIRITS!**

1 Corinthians 14:33 - For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace.

Peace = (i-ray'-nay) prosperity, quietness, rest, set at one again.

Opposite of confusion... con-(against) - fusion (united or melted together to make one)

1Cor.14:33 (KJV) - For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace

James 3:16 (KJV) - For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

John 14:26-27 - But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Isaiah 55:12 - You will go out with joy and be lead forth in peace.

Isaiah 32:17 - The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.