

Many Voices – One Shepherd

1 Corinthians 14:10 (DARBY)

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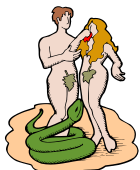
Psalm 23

John 10:1-5,27

Psalms 5:1-8



Satan's voice: (Cunningly deceptive)



1. The Bible will always verify what God tells you. Satan will subtly undermine and throw into question what God has said in scripture.
2. God's voice will bring Him glory. Satan's voice will bring you glory.
3. God's voice will lead you to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him.
4. God will guide you to build up the church. Satan will lead you to sow seeds of discord among God's people.
5. God's voice will be absolutely true. Satan will taint his message with untruth.
6. God's voice fosters humility. Satan's voice produces pride.
7. God's voice exposes sin, bringing a sense of conviction. Satan tempts you to justify sin and to make excuses for your behavior.

World's voice: (Logical)



1. Common sense: Society recognizes career promotions, fame, wealth and material possessions as marks of success. God measures our success by our obedience.
2. The world admires those who fight for their rights and don't get pushed around. Jesus emphasizes loving our enemies, not overpowering them.
3. The world elevates physical beauty to the point of idolatry. The Bible says how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.
4. The world says God helps those who help themselves. Jesus said without me you can do nothing.

Our own voice: (Emotional)



1. Justification: If we really crave something, it's easy to convince ourselves God wants us to have it too. After all, He wants me to have the desires of my heart (Psalm 37:4)
2. Rationalization: When a commitment becomes more costly than we anticipated, we conclude that God wants us to free ourselves from our burden.
 - a. Marriage: God doesn't want me to be unhappy.
 - b. Open doors: The door is not the important thing; God's voice is. The truth is that not every open or closed door is a sign from God. Some are traps of the enemy.

“We need to be experts at recognizing God's voice, not watching for open doors”

How to hear God's voice: (Peace & Truth)

1. Relationship
2. Spending time with His word
3. Don't be satisfied with surface prayer. Have dialogue not monologue. Expect Him to speak.
4. Learn to recognize God's activity in your circumstances, and ordinary day's events.
5. Be open to counsel from fellow believers



Psalm 95:7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: 8 "Do not harden your hearts.