



Life in the Spirit Blog

Preparing Christians for Major Events That Will Take Place in the United States in the Near Future

February 4, 2023

Hearing the Voice of Our Lord - A Matter of Life and Death, Part I

Our nation is facing World War III, hyperinflation, famine, and pestilence like none of us have ever experienced in our lives. We are entering the End Times prophesied in the Bible, and soon dramatic, life-changing events will take place in America and other nations. So it is more critical than ever to draw close to the Lord for His comfort, guidance, and direction. It may save your life or mine, as we will see in Parts I and II of this blog post. Just as the Holy Spirit warned, comforted, and guided the apostles through treacherous times and situations, He will do the same for us if we will seek Him in total humility.

Hearing His Master's Voice



When Thomas Edison invented the phonograph and cut and played a record of him speaking, his dog perked up because he could hear his master's voice. The portrait above reflects that extraordinary event. This

raises the question: how many of us hear our Master's voice – the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit (*1 Kings 19:12*)?

When someone claims to hear from God, we typically think of various cult leaders. They probably heard from a spirit, but it was not the Holy Spirit. So we should always test the spirits, because Satan comes as an angel of light to deceive us all. We know **"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness..." // Timothy 3:16** So claims that contradict scripture are false.

The Word of God speaks about the Holy Spirit at work in believers in the church age:

- **"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth..."** *John 16:12*
- **"Today if you hear God's voice speaking to you, do not harden your hearts against Him, as the people of Israel did when they rebelled against Him in the desert."** *Hebrews 3:15*
- **"I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep and My own sheep know Me."** *John 10:14*
- **"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."** *Matthew 11:15*

So to hear the voice of the Lord, start with the Word of God. When we read the Word with total humility, seeking the Lord, the Holy Spirit will illumine and ultimately transform our minds. (Writing insights into a diary is also very helpful.) The closer we get to Him, the more we can hear His voice. You want to hear the audible voice of God? Terrific - just listen to your pastor, or someone else (or yourself) reading the Bible out loud.

Prophecy foretells things to come, and more importantly, declares truths through the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit. This is speaking the Word of God into someone's life, just as the Holy Spirit speaks His Truth into our lives when we are in the Word. That's what Luther did with the large and small catechisms, drawing from the Word of God. And that's what good pastors do – as led by the Holy Spirit, they speak the truth of God from His Word into our lives.

In Ephesians 6:18, the apostle Paul admonished the believers to **"pray(ing) always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit"**. As we cannot read the Word 24/7, and prayer is not just asking for stuff, this means being in the Spirit, communing with the Lord, and being aware of

what the Holy Spirit is communicating to us. It is also watching for divine appointments the Lord has for us with the people He brings across our path.

Several years ago, I was driving on a dark rainy night through a forested area southwest of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. I had a sudden realization that I couldn't stop if a deer bolted out of the forest, and an impulse to slow down. I slowed down, and several seconds later the biggest doe I have ever seen passed right in front of my car. I was surprised I didn't hit it, and believe it was the Holy Spirit who warned me, probably saving my life.

Author Andrew Wommack tells a similar [story](#):

“I once was planning a trip to Costa Rica, and was excited to go. Yet, as I prayed about it, I lost my desire to go, and actually felt dread about going. So the first thing I did was make sure I was seeking the Lord with my whole heart. I spent seventeen hours praying, and the more I got my mind on the Lord, the less I wanted to go to Costa Rica. On the strength of that alone, I canceled the trip.

The plane I had booked my flight on crashed on take-off from Mexico City, killing all 169 persons onboard. The Lord warned me, and that saved my life - not by saying, "Don't go to Costa Rica," but by communicating to my spirit and taking away my desire to go. That is the dominant way the Lord speaks to us, and we often miss that kind of communication.”

Life in the Spirit is the greatest adventure of all time, as the Lord calls us to be salt and light to the world. So let us start each day with the Lord in His Word and prayer, connect with the Holy Spirit, and reach out to others with the love and truth of Christ, for time is short, we are not guaranteed tomorrow, and eternity is forever.

Part II: the Lord has raised up watchmen and women to guide us on the narrow path and warn believers of things coming to our nation. Four of these Spirit-led individuals and their messages from the Lord will be featured in Part II, coming soon.

To God be the glory
Mark Peterson