



All Citizens Christian Church Calgary

Bible Study: Thursday, October 9th 2014.

Topic: HEARING GOD'S VOICE

TEXT: Number 22:1-32

INTRODUCTION: If we must matter and be of great relevance in our days, we must of importance and necessity take this topic very seriously. The World is waiting for the man or the woman who can say 'Thus says the Lord.....' There must be continuous speaking by God to His church to make the church credible. How different will the situation be for the church today when we begin to hear His voice?

The act of hearing a voice or voices is not new. You might not be able to control the voice you hear but you should be able to control the one you obey.

DOES GOD STILL SPEAK TODAY?

The psuedepigrapha tells about some Pharisees about 800BC that said God stopped speaking after the 5th book of Moses was written. Interestingly there are modern day theological Pharisees who say God only speaks through what is written in the Bible.

Heb 12:25 says God is still speaking same as Rev 2:7

WHY MUST WE HEAR GOD? Matt 4:4. II Cor 6:16.

Mention some consequences for not hearing or doing God's word. Luke 12: 47-48.

Discuss: What are the dangers of dogmas, clichés and formulas in church.

HINDERANCES TO HEARING FROM GOD

1. Imperfect Heart II Chr 16:9

What can make the heart to become imperfect before God?

Your heart is affected by

- a. Worldliness 1 John 2:15,
- b. Your love for God Matthew 22:37
- c. Impure motives: Numbers 22
- d. Wrong Intentions Acts 5, I Sam 16:7
- e. Acting on powers different from God's: Zech 4:6, Acts 19:14-16

2. Hardness of heart Heb 4:7, Prov 28:14 (what causes hardness of heart?)
 - a. Unforgiveness
 - b. Duet 8:11-14
 - c. Prov 29:1
3. An unregenerate condition (What can cause this)
 - a. Intellectual manipulations Acts 17:18-22
4. Disobedience (Why are people disobedient)
 - a. Pride Prov 214
 - b. Pre-Conceptions (II Kings 5)
 - c. Our Theology (Our Pre-conception about God)

General question: What can a Christian do to help the first two situations.

CONCLUSION: God wants to be in constant touch and communication with His Children but He is not a God that can condone sin or iniquity. The devil on the other hand knows that if he can sever God's children from hearing His voice, he can conquer them. As for us having known these facts today, what manner of people ought we to be?