

# HEARING GOD'S VOICE AND THE BIBLE

## INTRODUCTION

1. We are not saying that God is still adding to His Word – EXTRA-BIBLICAL REVELATION
2. We are not saying that God changes His mind – UN-BIBLICAL REVELATION
3. We are not saying that God only speaks to a few – SPECIAL REVELATION
4. We are not saying that God wants to confuse people – ODD REVELATION

## THE PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE

1. Who God is (supremacy).
2. What God is like (character, nature, virtue).
3. Who we are as human beings (what we are, how we were created).
4. Why God created us (our purpose from God's perspective).
5. Our history (fall), His plan of redemption for us (salvation through Christ).
6. Our purpose in this world (mission) and our hope for the life to come (bring glory to God).

## THE BIBLE IS GOD'S ETERNAL VOICE FOR EVERYONE

**2 Peter 1:19-21** - "So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God."

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** - All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

**1 Thessalonians 4:2** - "For you know what commandments we gave you by *the authority* of the Lord Jesus."

**1 Thessalonians 4:8** - "So, he who rejects *this* is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you."

**Revelation 22:18-19** – "I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from

the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and [a]from the holy city, which are written in this book.”

“When God spoke to the writers of scripture, he made sure that there was one hundred percent clarity in their receiving of revelation and one hundred percent accuracy in their writing of his revelation. For scripture to be written as the eternal word (voice) of God there could be no misunderstanding or wrong interpretations involved. This is not to suggest that God doesn’t care about the clarity in which we hear him today, but rather I want to emphasize the sovereignty of God over the process of forming scripture. God did not allow the Bible to be wrong and therefore it is in a category of hearing from God all on its own. It’s unique and my desire is that everyone would honor it as such.”

## THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT GUIDES US WITHIN THE TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE

**Acts 16:6-13** - “They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. So putting out to sea from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis; and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a *Roman* colony; and we were staying in this city for some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.”

**PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS** - Marriage (what, who), Raising Kids (what, how), Church (what, where), Vocation (what, where), Ministry (what, where - who),

## HOW DO WE ENGAGE THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES?

1. Daily Bible Reading accompanied by Daily Journaling

2. Daily prayer time that includes listening and writing (when applicable)