



**Sermon Outline**  
**June 23, 2024**  
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**Hearing From  
God**

**John 10:1-6**

*\* It's been said that when we talk to God, we're "praying", but when He talks to us, we're crazy.*

**Two observations and a question:**

- \* **Part of being able to hear from God is related to our \_\_\_\_\_ toward God.**
- \* **All too often, we'd like the communication without the \_\_\_\_\_.**
- \* **Are you simply pursuing \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer rather than closeness with God?**
- \* **Christ followers listen for and \_\_\_\_\_ His voice.**

**John 10:1-6** - "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper 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." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them."

- \* **A better way of "hearing God's voice" is to think of it as \_\_\_\_\_ for His communication.**

*God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the **Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church** to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways. - Henry Blackaby*

**1 Corinthians 2:10b-12** - The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

- \* **Any \_\_\_\_\_ FROM God will never contradict the \_\_\_\_\_ OF God.**

**Three more observations and a question:**

- \* **Part of "hearing from God" is learning to recognize \_\_\_\_\_ among the others that we hear.**
- \* *The first thing we need to know before we can get it right is to acknowledge that we can get it \_\_\_\_\_.*

**2 Corinthians 2:11** - ...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

- \* **We all suffer from \_\_\_\_\_ hearing.**
  - \* *My kids call it yelling when I raise my voice, but I call it motivational speaking for the selective of hearing.*
  - \* *If you are sensitive to what God is doing around you, He will clearly speak to you through His \_\_\_\_\_.*
- \* **We all experience God's \_\_\_\_\_.**
- \* *God's silence does not equal God's \_\_\_\_\_.*
- \* **Could the purpose of prayer be not just talking with God but also \_\_\_\_\_ to God?**
  - \* *The majority of us don't know how to pray where we mostly \_\_\_\_\_, and God does the \_\_\_\_\_.*

**The Chair Time Challenge** – Spend \_\_\_\_\_ minutes a day for the next 30 days sitting in a chair to simply "listen" to God.

- \* *When you're in a conversation, who should do the most talking? The one who knows the most about the subject being discussed. Whenever you pray, that one is always \_\_\_\_\_.*