

40 Days of Prayer
Prayer – Listening to God

Is prayer a monologue or a dialogue?

John 8:47 He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God.”

James 1:19 *This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger.

John 10:14-16 I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one shepherd.

John 10:27-28 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

1. God is a _____ God.

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

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God is more concerned about our relationship with Him than what we do for Him.

John 1:1-2, 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Henry Blackaby: “God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, his purposes, and His ways.”

Ephesians 6:17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

2. Hearing God speak is _____ to our Christian life.

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While listening, we hear...

- ...words of _____
John 16:8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.
- ...words of _____
2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.
- ...words of _____
Isaiah 43:1 But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!
- ...words of _____
John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth...
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John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

What will you do to spend time listening to God this week?