

IMPARTATION OF THE ANOINTING #1

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

1 Kings 19¹¹ The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a **gentle whisper**.¹³ When Elijah heard it, **he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.**

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” NIV

Before we can understand the anointing we must first be able to **know his voice beyond the manifestation**. The manifestation was the wind, fire and earthquake, yet God was not in it.

The anointing of God is useless if we don't have his voice.
How then do we hear the voice of God?

I. GOD DOES NOT SPEAK EVERYWHERE.

A. v 13 **Elijah pulled his cloak over his face after hearing God's voice!**

1. This was **isolation** from everything else.
2. The voice of God is so sacred and powerful

B. **There are things that will not allow us to hear God's voice.**

1. **The natural-** wind, earthquake and fire
2. **The spirit is that part of us that God will speak to.**

God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. Therefore we must guard our spirit, and keep it pure.

After hearing that voice he walks to the mouth of the cave and he hears more.

II. FOUR THINGS WE MUST DO TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD.

1. We must **walk in the Spirit**
2. We must have a **prayer life which leads to fellowship with God.**

3. We must get the word of God in us.
4. We must practice the presence of God

We must discern whether it is flesh or spirit, God or my spirit that is speaking. Outside of God's presence we are dull and dead, in God's presence we can receive through fellowship.

Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice". There are people that hear his voice and others that know his voice.

The anointing is only for those who know the word.
Many hear it but do nothing with it.

Before the mantle, or the power, we must know God's voice.

III. WHEN YOU KNOW "THE VOICE" YOU KNOW THE FALSE VOICE WHEN IT SPEAKS.

Many say God has spoken to them.

Jeremiah 23 16 This is what the Lord Almighty says:

"Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you;
they fill you with **false hopes**.

They **speak visions from their own minds**,
not from the mouth of the Lord .

¹⁷ They keep saying **to those who despise me**,
'The Lord says: **You will have peace.**'

And to **all who follow the stubbornness** of their hearts
they say, **'No harm will come to you.'**

¹⁸ But which of them has stood in the council of the Lord
to see or to hear his word?

Who has listened and heard his word? NIV

God says, **"I didn't speak to them, they speak from their own mind!"**

The only way to know is you feel the presence of God.

The anointing is for power the presence is a person. He comes for fellowship, for us to experience and to know him.

The only way for the presence of God to come is the most Holy Place;
That is in worship by the spirit.

IV. THREE LEVELS OF WORSHIP THAT ALLOWS US TO HEAR HIS VOICE

1. The outer court- Psalms 66 Make a joyful noise...

Praise, rejoicing, and testimony

songs like “look what the Lord has done”

2. The inner court or holy place- Prophetic praise-

“I am the God that healeth thee”

3. The most holy place- worship songs.

It is not about me or my needs.

Nothing about me but all about him.

“Hallelujah”

When he wrapped his head nothing could be seen or heard, except the voice of God.

This does not come from without but from within.