

Voices of Jesus

I Kings 19:11-13

Introduction: The Lord speaks to men today through the Word. He also speaks to the believer's heart by the Holy Spirit. We will take a brief look at some of the voices of Jesus as found in the Word.

I. The Shepherd's Voice -- Follow Me

- A. The Sheep follow Him John 10:27
- B. Follow Him and not walk in darkness John 8:12
 - 1. To follow Jesus expresses a union of the two, you and Christ
 - 2. To follow Jesus shows that you are united or "hooked together" with Him
 - 3. To follow Jesus is to go the same way as He goes
- C. Follow Him and be a fisher of men Matt. 4:19
- D. Follow Jesus and take up your Cross
 - 1. Die to the importance of self
 - 2. Put the Lord first in your life every moment of every day
 - 3. Make Christ the number #1 priority in your living; serving; and giving

II. The Master's Voice

- A. Occupy till I Come Luke 19 :13
 - 1. the word "occupy" is used in the Bible two times; the first time in Ezekiel 27:9.
 - 2. here in Luke 19:13, it means "trade ye" or "gain your living" until He returns.
 - 3. Work, or do our daily tasks and jobs until He comes; work for the Lord till He comes again.
- B. Jesus IS coming again in Glory
 - 1. We don't know when -- He is on HIS timetable
 - 2. Let's be ready for His coming; looking; working; serving; not giving up and not giving in.

III. The Savior's Voice

- A. Come unto Me
 - Matthew 11:28 This basically means to "come here and follow" it is a command of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- B. We are to give our burdens to the Lord; Cast your care upon Him
- C. To come to Jesus and follow Him brings rest
 - 1. rest here means "refreshment"
 - 2. the word "rest" as used here is NOT a rest from work but a REST IN WORK. This refers to the harmonious working of will; heart; imagination; conscience;
 - 3. As we work (labor) for the Lord, He will refresh us as we come and follow Him.

IV. The Teachers Voice

- A. Learn of Me Matt. 11:29 let us be meek and lowly (humble) so that we can be teachable
- B. Take His yoke upon you; this tells us that we should team up with Christ and submit to His authority.
- C. We are to follow Christ's example I Peter 2:21-22

V. The Voice of the Bridegroom

- A. The bridegroom has the Bride John 3:28-30
 - 1. the saved belong to the Lord
 - 2. we were bought with a price, the precious blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary.
- B. He (the Bridegroom-Jesus) must increase in our lives vs 29-30
 - 1. We need more of Christ and less of self in our lives
 - 2. We need more of what He wants for us and less of what we want for us
 - 3. When we give Jesus His rightful place in our lives, He blesses us more and more.

VI. The Voice of the Friend

- A. I will sup with him Revelation 3:20 The word "sup" here means spiritual communion between Christ and you.
- B. The True Friend knocks and offers help; encouragement and fellowship
- C. Notice the context here.
 - 1. We have a local Church that has shut Christ out. They may have their traditions; pageantry; ceremonies; etc. but not Christ nor His power. Therefore, they are a powerless congregation just going through the motions of "religion."
 - 2. Jesus is knocking at the door of a local church and, as a "Friend", offers to come in "if" any man (just one person) will hear the Lord and open the door to the Lord.
 - 3. This shows the love; mercy; and grace of the Lord as well as His patience toward mankind.

VII. The Voice of the Physician

- A. Christ makes one whole John 5:6
 - 1. we are complete in Him Colossians 2:10
 - 2. In Christ, we are complete in the "will of God" Colossians 4:12
- B. He heals the broken - hearted Luke 4:18
 - 1. sometimes we think of a physical healing; but there is the "spiritual healing" or the "mending" that is needed in a person's life after a heart - breaking experience.
 - 2. Let Christ heal you spiritually and do not dwell on the problems; give them to Christ by casting ALL of your care upon Him. I Peter 5:7
 - 3. Remember wounds take time to heal and Jesus, the Great Physician, heals broken hearts.

Conclusion:

Continue to follow His voice. Read the Word and see what the Lord has for you. Allow your self to "Grow" spiritually. Learn and follow the Lord. Read the Word daily; pray daily; tell others what Jesus has done for you. Invite friends and relatives to become believers. Turn to Him in every aspect of your life and share with Him every problem and concern in your life. Make Him a part of your life on a daily basis.