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THE VOICE OF GOD

There are many voices in the world today – all clamoring to be heard. The voice of philosophy, psychology, science, education, medicine, religion, etc... However the most important voice to ever be heard is that of the living God. Most people have never heard the voice of God, or believe that He doesn't talk to us directly. What a shame because He has and is always trying to communicate with us. While the Apostle John was on the Isle of Patmos he heard the voice of God.

Rev 1:12-15 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

What a wondrous vision he had, and what incredible words he heard. As a matter of fact the very words which he heard and wrote for us have been studied and dissected by Christians and unbelievers for over 20 centuries. If the voice of God is the most important voice, then let's examine what God would want to say to us, as we study His scriptures.

VOICE OF CREATION

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

A good question to ask here is "WHO FITS SUCH A PROFILE?" (Excuse me for profiling) I'll tell you a long known secret, it's GOD! It's not aliens, not mother nature, not father time, not Q.

Exod 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM

Ps 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Ps 19:1-2 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

All of Creation shouts – it's GOD! In all the supposed (I do mean supposed) billions of years, no one has added to or taken away anything from God's wonderful and mysterious work. There are those who pervert the truth by implying that all we see just happened, and that we are products of evolution. I soul rejoices that even our founders understood the truth of a creator when they penned those famous words, "we are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights..." Have you heard Him speak, this word, "I AM THE CREATOR"

VOICE OF CONTROL

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all

things were created by him, and for him:

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

God spoke and the worlds were framed. Things happen according to His timing, Remember, the Word of God tells us that in the fullness of time Jesus came. The fullness of whose time? His of cause! Nothing happens that He does not know about. Only some one in control can predict the future and have it come to pass. That's one of the most amazing things about the Word of God, it is filled with the prophetic. Some has already occurred; some is still in the forthcoming. Who keeps the sun shining and who keeps the earth rotating around the sun and on its axis? Without the outstretched arm of God we would be in trouble. God is in control! Have you heard Him speak this word, "I AM IN CONTROL." Even the winds obey His voice.

VOICE OF COMFORT

Matt 11:28-29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

In a world of high anxiety, stress and worry –

- we need comfort,
- we need peace,
- we need rest for our souls

Let me mention three areas of our lives where we need comfort, peace and rest:

- IN TIME OF SORROW,
- IN TIME OF SICKNESS,
- IN TIME OF SUFFERING

When you are in pain - physical, mental, emotional and certainly spiritual, we need some one to come along side and say, I'm with you, I'll take you through. But what good is it if someone comes along side to comfort without the ability or power to help? What good is it if that "someone" who comes along side, departs too soon? What good is it if someone comes along side and you don't receive Him?

You must first believe that **GOD IS!** Then you must believe that **GOD IS ABLE!** Then you must believe that **GOD IS WILLING!**

One of the most precious verses to me is:
Isa 43:1-3 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:

We must impart into our spirit and soul these refreshing words:

- I am the GOD that healeth thee.
- I will never leave you or forsake you.
- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.

Have you heard Him speak these words? "I WILL COMFORT, ENCOURAGE, and HEAL YOU."

God cares so much for you that he went to the cross to redeem you from bondage, to set you free. If he did this for you while you were in rebellion to Him, isn't it reasonable to believe that now that you have turned you life over to Him that he wants you to sense His power as He comforts you in any affliction or trial you may go through.

VOICE OF CONFIDENCE

2 Pet 1:17-19 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

There came a voice from heaven, from God, announcing

that JESUS is indeed the SON of GOD, GOD THE SON.

In order for man to have confidence, he must know the truth. And this truth must not be mixed with any error. This truth must be trustworthy under any circumstance. This truth must of necessity be tested down through the ages.

I challenge you this morning: Is JESUS the truth? Is there any error to be found in Him? Is He trustworthy under any circumstance? Has He been tested down through the ages?

Jesus may this declaration: John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The disciples, especially the inner core, had confidence in Him because they were found on the Mount of TRANSFIGURATION when God the Father spoke from heaven, and Jesus was seen in His glorious splendor.

What about you? Do you have confidence in Him, Jesus?

Have you been to the Mount of Transfiguration by FAITH and seen HIS GLORY.

If not, why not? Get alone with Jesus and ask and you will see. God has made promises in His Word to His people. Only confidence in God through faith will allow you to believe the promises of God are for you.

VOICE OF CLEANSING

Luke 5:12-16 And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him. And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

Leprosy in scripture is a type of sin. Jesus declared to this leper that he was clean. What an overwhelming word to this man. He was an outcast, shunned from society. Yet he received the grace and mercy of God. Note what this man did as soon as he saw Jesus:

- He acknowledged Jesus for who He is, LORD.
- He fell on his face before Him.
- He believed that Jesus had the power to cleanse him.

What did Jesus do? He put forth His hand, touched him and said, "you are clean."

- He didn't ask him How he got the leprosy

- He didn't ask him about his relationship with his mother or father
- He didn't address his improper dress, especially when coming into the presence of the Holy One.
- He didn't ask him how much of the Bible he knew
- He didn't even ask him if he was Jewish

He simply acknowledged his faith, and spoke those incredible words, "Thou are clean". Your sins are forgiven. Have you heard Him say this to YOU?

Remember the thief on the cross.

When he acknowledged Jesus as Lord, and confessed to being a sinner, Jesus said, Today you will be with me in Paradise. The Lord of Glory says, Your sins are forgiven and you are on your way to heaven.

Please note one other thing in this story. Jesus told the healed leper to go back to the temple and offer what Moses commanded as a testimony. He says the same thing to us who have been saved from our sins. Offer your sacrifice of praise. Offer yourself a sacrifice. Why? For a testimony to a world that is in dire need of being saved from their sins. When the world encounters a person who has felt the cleansing power of God and then testifies to that power, they are left excuseless should they deny the results.

If the Lord has cleansed you then the desire of your heart should be to make it known.

VOICE OF CORRECTION

2 Tim 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Heb 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Can we all admit that we need some correction on the journey of life? There are times we need a course correction. We have strayed. We have fallen. We have gotten weary. Let me encourage you by reminding you that God's precepts are absolutely right, His principles are altogether reliable, and His path is always reasonable. Can you say AMEN?

We must submit ourselves to the Lord and allow Him the privilege of correcting us when it is needed.

Remember He resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God.

VOICE OF CONDEMNATION

Matt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

can heard now even at this moment.

I gave much thought in sharing this last "C", but I was reminded that the Gospel includes the whole counsel of God. We must hear it all.

Depart from me, I never knew you. What a terrible word to hear.

Disgraced, forever dying and never dead. I implore you this morning don't let this be your epitaph.

Jesus loves you. He died for you.
He is calling YOU as never before.

Today if you hear His voice harden not your heart. He has given us this time on earth to resolve the problem we have between Him and ourselves. If we remain with an unrepentant heart our fate is sealed. If we would but turn in repentance to Him and confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Jesus didn't come into the world to condemn us. Why? Because we were already condemned. We were dead in our trespasses and sins. He came into the world so that through Him we might be saved and have eternal life.

The more and more I bask in His glory I come t realize how wonderful, how amazing, how incredible this God is.

You just got to love Him.

I pray you stay attentive to His voice for He wants to speak, especially to you. Listen you