

The Book of John: He Who Belongs To God Hears What God Says

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Intro: Have you ever miss understood what you thought you heard? Have you ever intentionally miss understood so to feel justified in an incorrect judgement?

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! 46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? 47 Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."
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I propose that the Lord still wants to speak to us today wouldn't you agree? What are some of the ways God speaks to his Church today? Shout it out for me! The Bible, Pastor/ Teachers, and even circumstances, but all these should be weighed against the Word of God, even the Bible the Word of God. What do I mean by that? The Bible is the best interpreter of the Bible. We talk about the counsel of the full gospel. This is not a charismatic movement of years past but understanding of it's over all arching message and consistency. This goes way beyond reading a passage and trying to assign it value to our lives on its own.

I consistently insist that we learn from the full counsel of the full word of God! Many still want to leave out OT studies; I contend it goes to character: The unchanging God is the same yesterday, today as he will be throughout eternity. He hated sin at its origin, still does and will always hate sin in the future God will never change or become "tolerant" to sin.

One of the ways God has helped my head to think, after many years and many times through the entire bible is to see cross references when viewing a passage. That is why I often will use one passage to witness to the powerful truth of another passage. If you have not read completely through the scriptures then you may not have that perspective and understanding. This is why I often provide that for you. We all need to read it through and unless you have a photographic memory I suggest doing so often. H.S. will bring to remembrance the things we have studied, its hard to bring to remembrance what was never put in our minds in the first place, wouldn't you agree?

Our text passage, Jesus speaks to hearing God, but how. C/R
Eph. 410 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the

heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the gifts to the church) apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. The same one who came down from heaven, ascended to heaven and left gifts for HIS church! Not a Board-man made, not even a music department! Without a Board we can still be church, without music department we will still be church, while both can serve good, they are not necessary!

Christ's Church, Christ's Message, and Christ's Vessel

Christ's Church- The body-Jesus said he will build His church. Matthew 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Jesus will build HIS church. and that upon the profession that Peter made- that Jesus was "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Here Jesus is not mixing words, He has left provision for His Church the body. 11 So Christ himself gave the gifts to the church) apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Christ's Message: Jesus states concerning his message: 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

There were times when Jesus purposely spoke in parables Matt. 13: 13 This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

Mark 4:9-119 Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

10 When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. 11 He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables .

And there were the times he stated I speak to you plainly. John 16:29

Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech.

Christ Vessel: Not everyone likes the vessel, not even the apostle Paul escaped this fate.

2 Corinthians 11:5-7 5 I do not think I am in the least inferior to those "super-apostles." 6 I may indeed be untrained as a speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way. 7 Was it a sin for me to lower myself in order to elevate you...

Abram-Exodus 4: says I'm the wrong man I have stammering lips-stutter. God

told him don't tell me I 'm wrong, I made lips, ears, eyes etc...

Jesus also runs prey to this in v42 if God were you father, you would love me.

47 Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." 48 The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

Conclusion:

It's really not about us: it is his church, we don't need to come up with our ideas and ask God to bless them, we need to seek his radical plans and get on board to join him in his work.

It's not about us, it's his message, did I die for you did Dave pay for your sins was Harry raised from the dead, did Debbie ascend to the heavens to intercede on your behalf. God sent forth his word became flesh and dwelt among us. Paul said if you don't like the vessel you can still hear from God if you love me.

It's not about us, he has given gifts to the church, and vessels when at best are broken (cracked pots that hold priceless treasures of eternity).

Let us examine our self: ask yourself are you working toward the unity of the faith? Don't deceive your self are you pointing to the unity of the faith. Can it really be that simple? Let us pray!!!!