

This past Sunday Pastor George Pearsons' ministered:

"The Voice of the Five-Fold Ministry"

We were created to hear God's voice. And our level of hearing increases the more we listen and obey.

John 10:4-5, 27; (KJV)

"And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

Don't say, "I never hear the voice of the Lord."

Rather say, "I hear the voice of the Lord, and a strangers voice I do not follow."

Don't say, "I don't know what to do."

Rather say, "I receive the perfect wisdom from God."

Psalm 85:8 (KJV)

"I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people, and to His saints."

Voice #1 of God— The Written Word

- God speaks to us through His written Word.
- God's Word is God speaking to us personally.
- The Word of God is the first voice we practice listening to.

Psalm 103:20;

“Bless the LORD, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.”

Proverbs 6:20-22; (KJV, PGV)

“My son, keep thy father's commandment (The Word of God), and forsake not the law (The Word of God) of thy mother: Bind them (God's Word) continually upon thine heart, and tie them (God's Word) about thy neck. When thou goest, it (the Word in your heart) shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it (The Word in your heart) shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it **(The Word in your heart) shall talk with thee.**”

Isaiah 41:10; “Fear thou not...”

Voice #2 of God — The Inward Witness of the Holy Spirit

John 16:13; (AMPC)

“But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].”

Romans 8:16 (TAY)

“His Holy Spirit speaks to us in our hearts and tells us that we are the children of God.”

God speaks to us by the inward witness — that still small voice inside.

Take special times and just listen to what the lord wants to tell you.

Voice #3 of God — The Five-Fold Ministry

Romans 10:13-17;

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So, then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (through the five-fold ministry gifts).”

Ephesians 4:11-12;

“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”

The Lord will be speaking to us through each minister at the SWBC. Even though there will be many in person and many watching, God will use the five-fold ministers to personally speak to us.

i.e.; At the ministers conference years ago, Dr. Mark Barclay addressed a critical change I needed to make, as he simply quoted;

Isaiah 1:19, "If you be willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land."

The Voices of the Five-Fold Ministry

2 Peter 1:20-21; (NLT)

"Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, **and they spoke from God.**"

Jeremiah 1:7-9 (NLT)

"The LORD replied, "Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the LORD, have spoken!" Then the LORD reached out and touched my mouth and said, "**Look, I have put my words in your mouth!**"

1 Thessalonians 2:13; (AMPC)

"And we also [especially] thank God continually for this, that when you received the message of God [which you heard] from us, **you welcomed it not as the word of [mere] men, but as it truly is, the Word of God**, which is effectually at work in you who believe [exercising its superhuman power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it]."

Revelation is light. It is what you need to know, providing the answers you need.

2 Corinthians 13:3; (NLT)

“I will give you all the proof you want that **Christ speaks through me.**”

1 Peter 4:11; (KJV)

“If any man speak, let him speak as the **oracles** of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

Oracles in the Greek = The utterances of God through Christian teachers.

(NLT) “Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you.”

What God Speaks to us through the Five-Fold Ministry

1 Kings 3:5-9

Understanding means having a hearing heart.

Solomon steps into the role of leadership, and David his father is now dead.

Vv. 10-14

Words of Explanation

Acts 8:30-31; (AMPC)

“Accordingly, Philip, running up to him, heard [the man] reading the prophet Isaiah and asked, Do you really understand what you are

reading? And he said, How is it possible for me to do so unless someone explains it to me and guides me [in the right way]? And he earnestly requested Philip to come up and sit beside him.”

Words of Direction

2 Chronicles 20:14-17; (AMPC)

“Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel...in the midst of the assembly. He said, Hearken, all Judah, you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you King Jehoshaphat. The Lord says this to you: Be not afraid or dismayed at this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.”

Vv. 16-17 (AMPC) “You shall not need to fight in this battle; take your positions, stand still, and see the deliverance of the Lord [Who is] with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Fear not nor be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you.”

Words of Correction

2 Samuel 11-12;

David had Uriah killed to have Bathsheba.

The Prophet Nathan came with correction.

David accepted the correction of the Lord and repented.

Words of Motivation

2 Timothy 1:6-11;

Timothy was under tremendous pressure.

Paul gave him a Holy Ghost “locker room speech.”

Vv. 6-7 (AMPC) “That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination]. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well- balanced mind and discipline and self-control.”

Words of Impartation

Romans 1:11;

“For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may **be established.**”

(RSV) To strengthen you.

(NEB) To make you strong.

(TCNT) To give you fresh strength.

1 Thessalonians 2:8;

“So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have **imparted** unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.”

Impartation = A spiritual deposit bestowed upon another that has a lasting effect that will never be forgotten.