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STUDENT GUIDE

KNOWING GOD'S VOICE

CHAPTER 1 - SAMPLE



Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35

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A Message from the President

Have you ever asked yourself the question, “What is God’s will for me?” This question is, perhaps, the one most often asked by believers. It is also a question that frequently confronts Christian leaders as men and women turn to them for guidance in decision making.

In everyday situations of life, believers are constantly making choices which determine whether or not they will do the perfect will of God. It is essential to know God’s voice, understand His will, and make right decisions each day. It is important, because even our minor decisions may affect the finding of God’s will for our lifetime.

We must make all of our choices in relation to God’s will. This plan was instituted by God when Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden. (Genesis 1-3) God’s will for Adam and Eve was for them to name the animals, tend the garden, have companionship with each other, and reproduce to populate the earth. Most importantly, they were to maintain an intimate fellowship with God. Adam and Eve were also warned about what was not God’s will, as they were forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Including the story of Adam and Eve, the entire Bible is a history of decisions which individuals and nations made in relation to God’s will. We can learn from both the successes and failures of these men and women. One of the most exciting revelations in the Bible is that God has a definite plan for every individual, in this life and in eternity. In order to fulfill these plans, we must come to know God’s voice. We must learn how He has communicated in times past, and how He speaks today.

This course explains how God speaks to man, and how to find God’s will for our lives. Guidelines are given on knowing the voice of God and determining His will. The pattern of God’s will and Scriptural examples of how God reveals His will are discussed. A Scriptural model for decision making is explained. Guidelines are presented on overcoming wrong decisions, what to do if we have missed the will of God, and how to handle questionable practices. Six stages of revelation of a plan of God’s are also identified. One of the focuses of More Than Conquerors Bible Institute’s curriculum is on what Jesus taught to equip men and women to reach their world with the Gospel. One of the great truths He revealed was that God does speak to men:

I am the good shepherd and know my sheep, and am known of mine... And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd... My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (John10:14,16,27)

God has a plan for an intimate relationship with mankind. Man is known by God, and man can know God personally. Yes, you *can* know the voice of God! As we study this course together, I pray that you will be launched into a new spiritual dimension in your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for allowing MTC to be a part of your spiritual life. We are blessed that you have chosen to study at MTC.

For the Harvest,

Brother Ford

HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

MANUAL FORMAT

Each chapter consists of:

Objectives: Before beginning each chapter, carefully read the Objectives. These are the goals you should achieve as you study that particular chapter.

Key Verse: This verse emphasizes the main concept of the chapter. Students are encouraged to memorize the key verse of every chapter.

Study Questions: At the end of each chapter, there are Study Questions. After studied each chapter in class, complete all of these study questions. Although these questions will not be graded, they are an important part of this course. Your teacher will go over these questions in class before beginning to teach the next chapter.

Spiritual Application: At the end of each chapter, there is also a suggestion on Spiritual Application. This will help you “apply” the “information” you have learned to your personal life and ministry.

For Additional Study: There are also suggestions For Additional Study at the end of each chapter. This additional study activity will help you continue your study of the Word of God and improve your study skills.

Final Exam: If you are enrolled in this course for credit, upon completion of the course, you will be required to take the final examination. Since this is an open book exam, you may use your Students Guide while taking the examination. After you have completed the examination, please return it to your teacher for grading.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS NEEDED

A King James Version of the Bible would be great. Due to our ministry around the world, all Biblical references are King James (unless otherwise noted).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- ✕ Explain the relationship between knowing God’s voice and determining His will.
- ✕ Discuss the importance of knowing God’s will.
- ✕ Explain how God reveals His will.
- ✕ Understand the will of God as revealed in Scriptures.
- ✕ Determine the will of God in matters not specifically dealt with in Scriptures.
- ✕ Use Scriptural methods of decision making.
- ✕ Correct wrong decisions.
- ✕ Explain the six stages of revelation.
- ✕ Share with others the Biblical guidelines for knowing God’s voice.
- ✕ Explain the four tests of guidance.

PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

Because this course deals with knowing God’s voice and His will, it is suggested that you set personal objectives for this study. Your objectives might be to determine God’s will in a specific matter, find God’s answer for a problem, or determine God’s will for your life’s work and ministry. List your personal objectives in the space provided below. As you study, apply what you learn to each objective you listed.

Complete this sentence: “I want to hear God’s voice and know His will about. . .”

CHAPTER ONE

DISTINGUISHING GOD'S VOICE

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this chapter, you should be able to:

- ✂ Write the Key Verse from memory.
- ✂ Prove by Scripture that God still speaks to men and women.
- ✂ Explain the relationship between knowing God's voice and determining His will.
- ✂ Distinguish between the "rhema" Word of God and the "logos" Word of God.
- ✂ Explain what is meant by the "will of God."



KEY VERSE

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

INTRODUCTION

First: There _____ a God.

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. (Psalm 53:1)

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (Romans 1:20)

Second: He communicates with _____.

... rebuked for his iniquity; the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. (II Peter 2:16)

Third: Man can _____ God's voice when He speaks.

I am the good shepherd and know my sheep, and am known of mine. . . And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (John 10:14, 16 and 27)

Fourth: God has something to _____.

Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith), Today if ye will hear His voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (Hebrews 3:7-8)

I. THE BIBLE REVEALS THAT THERE ARE MANY VOICES IN THE

WORLD CLAMORING FOR OUR ATTENTION.

There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. (I Corinthians 14:10)

A. THE VOICE OF _____

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. (Acts 5:29)

1) Anytime the voice of man conflicts with the voice of God, we must _____ God.

I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life. (Ecclesiastes 2:3)

B. THE VOICE OF _____

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (Genesis 3:1)

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. (Genesis 3:4-5)

1) Evil _____ (demons from Satan) also have voices.

For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them. . . (Acts 8:7)

And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. (Luke 4:33-34)

2) Most often, Satan speaks in an _____ voice.

C. THE VOICE OF _____

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. (Jeremiah 10:23)

And take heed to yourselves... (Luke 21:34)

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

D. THE VOICE OF _____

To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 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. (John 10:3-5)

II. HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Genesis 2:16-17)

- A. BY THE VOICE OF GOD, THE WILL OF GOD WAS _____ TO ADAM AND EVE.

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? (Genesis 3:8-9)

- B. IT IS _____ WHICH SEPARATES MAN FROM GOD.

While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. . . (Hebrews 3:15)

- C. THE VOICE AND THE _____

1) God wants you to _____ His will.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (Ephesians 5:17)

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)

III. WHEN GOD SPEAKS

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word (rhema) with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures (logos) daily, whether those things were so. (Acts 17:11)

- A. "LOGOS" REFERS TO THE _____ WORD OF GOD.
B. "RHEMA" REFERS TO THE _____ OR LIFE-GIVING WORD OF GOD.
C. BUT REMEMBER: THE "RHEMA" - SPOKEN WORD WILL _____ AGREE WITH THE "LOGOS" - WRITTEN WORD OF GOD.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:18-19)

IV. DIFFERENT KINDS OF LISTENERS

- A. THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF _____ MAIN DIVISIONS OF LISTENERS.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. . . And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish

man, which built his house upon the sand. . . (Matthew 7:24 and 26)

- 1) A _____ listener hears the voice of God, but does not act upon it.
- 2) A _____ listener hears and acts upon the message of God.
- 3) We must not only come to know the voice of God, we must learn to _____ in obedience to His voice.

But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (James 1:22-25)

B. SEED BY THE _____

- 1) This is an example of a man who hears the voice of God, but the words do not take _____ in his heart because Satan snatches away God's Word.

C. SEED IN _____ PLACES

- 1) When circumstances get tough, he is _____ and ceases to respond to God's voice.

D. SEED AMONG THE _____

- 1) This is an example of the voice of God being choked out by the _____ of the world, materialism, etc.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. (John 8:44)

E. SEED ON _____ GROUND

- 1) This person will _____ spiritually and become a reproducing, fruitful believer.

V. HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD'S VOICE?

I will hear what God the Lord will speak. . . (Psalm 85:8)

And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Luke 8:8)



STUDY QUESTIONS

CHAPTER ONE

1. Write the Key Verse from memory:

2. What is meant by the “rhema” Word of God?

3. What is meant by the “logos” Word of God?

4. How is knowing God’s voice related to determining His will for your life?

5. Give a reference from the book of Hebrews which confirms God spoke to men in the past and still speaks today.

6. What is meant by the “will of God”?

7. With what does the “rhema” Word of God always agree?

8. What separated man from God’s presence? _____

9. You must be a _____ of the Word and not a _____ only.



SPIRITUAL APPLICATION

Write a two to four paragraph essay explaining how this chapter changed, or helped you in learning how to hear God's true voice in your life. Explain how you may have been determining His will for your life prior to reading this chapter, and what changes you will be making, so you can more confidently know it is His voice you are hearing.



FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. There are several verses in the Bible which describe the voice of God. Look up each reference and record the words describing God's voice. The first one is done as an example for you to follow. From your own study of the Bible, you can continue to add references and descriptions of the voice of God to this chart.

Reference	Description of God's Voice
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II Samuel 22:14	Thunder from Heaven
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I Kings 19:12-13	
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Psalms 18:13	
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Psalms 29:3-9	
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Psalms 68:33	
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Daniel 10:6-9	
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2. God spoke about Jesus. You can read what He said in the following passages: II Peter 1:17-18; Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11.

3. What God speaks comes to pass. See Ezekiel 12:25-28.

4. Study the words of Jesus in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Observe how Jesus spoke in questions, answers, examples, parallels, parables and sermons.

5. God not only speaks to individuals, but He also speaks to nations. See Jeremiah 18:7-10.

6. Read about the results of disobeying God's voice in the following verses. Record the results of disobedience on the chart.

Reference	Results of Disobedience
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Exodus 15:26	
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Deuteronomy 28:15-68	
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I Samuel 12:15	
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7. Read the following Scriptures and record what you learn about the results of obeying God's voice:

Deuteronomy 28:1-14: _____

I Samuel 12:14: _____

8. The entire Bible is a record of how individuals and nations responded to the voice of God. Complete the following chart as you study the response of man to God's voice. The first one is done as an example for you to follow. Read the verses below and after the reference given fill in the information needed to complete this chart. Like the previous chart, you can continue to add references from your own study of God's Word.

Reference Involved	People Response	Results	
Genesis 26:5	Abraham	Obedience	His seed and the nations of the world were blessed.
Genesis 22:18			
Deuteronomy 8:20			
Judges 2:2,4,20-23			
Judges 6:10			
I Samuel 15:1,19,22,24			
I Samuel 28:18			
Psalms 106:25			
Jeremiah 32:23			
Daniel 9:10-14			
Zephaniah 3:2			
Haggai 1:1			