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# The Clarion Voices of God

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Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

## INTRODUCTION

1. Sometimes people may wonder: if there is God...

1. Why hasn't He made Himself more clearly known?
2. Why has He spoken only through what many view as an antiquated book (the Bible)?

2. I would contend that God has made Himself known...

1. He has spoken **in various ways** (in addition to a book that is far from antiquated)
2. He has spoken **quite loudly** (for those willing to listen)

[In what I like to call "The Clarion Voices Of God", note that...]

## I. GOD SPEAKS LOUDLY THROUGH HIS CREATION

### A. GOD'S VOICE IN HIS CREATION...

1. Reveals His glory and His handiwork - **Ps 19:1-4**
2. Reveals His eternal power and divine nature - **Ro 1:19-20**

-- Through the intelligent design of the universe God says, "I exist!"

### B. HOW WELL DO WE LISTEN...?

1. Do we take the time to consider the wonders of the creation?
  2. The Psalmist took time to contemplate them - **Ps 8:3; 104:24-25; 139:14**
1. It prompted Einstein to believe in "an Intelligence that produced the integrative complexity of creation."

3. The intelligent design of the universe prompted even a prominent atheist to become a deist
4. (Anthony Flew)

-- If we open our eyes to the world around us, we will say "I believe!"

[Through His creation we can know that **God exists**. But what does this Supreme Being desire of us?

What does He want us to know or do? For that...]

## II. GOD SPEAKS LOUDLY THROUGH HIS WORD

### A. GOD'S VOICE IN HIS WORD...

1. Is designed to produce faith (trust, conviction) - **Ro 10:17**
2. **Fulfilled prophecy** is designed to produce faith in God - **Isa 42:8-9; 44:6-8; 45:18-21; 46:9-11**
3. **Eyewitness testimony** offers evidence to believe in Jesus - **Ac 10:39-42; 1 Jn 1:1-4; 2 Pe 1:15-16**
4. Through **His Providence**, God's Word has spread to every nation and translated into virtually every language - cf. **Ro 10:17-18**
5. The **manuscript evidence** which attests to its authenticity as a historical document far surpasses any other ancient document (such as those by Socrates, Plato, Homer, etc.)

-- Through His Word God says of Jesus, "This is My Beloved Son, Hear Him!"

### B. HOW WELL DO WE LISTEN...?

1. It was written to produce faith in Jesus - **Jn 20:30-31**
2. Do we take the time to read the Word of God? The Bereans did! - **Ac 17:11**
3. David also, and praised it highly - **Psa 19:7-11; 119:97-105**

4. We have so much more of God's Word than did David, shall we not read it?

-- If we open our ears to the Word of God, we will say "I believe in Jesus!"

[Note that God not only revealed **His Word**, but sent **Jesus** to this world. In this way...]

### III. GOD SPEAKS LOUDLY THROUGH HIS SON

#### A. GOD'S VOICE IN HIS SON...

1. God now speaks through His Son Jesus - **He 1:1-2**
2. Through Jesus God has manifested Himself most fully - cf. **He 1:3; Jn 1:14-18**
3. The life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus have changed history
4. Countless lives and entire nations have been affected by the sending of His Son

-- Through His Son, God says "This is who I Am, this is what I desire of you"

#### B. HOW WELL DO WE LISTEN...?

1. Do we listen to what Jesus reveals about God? - **Jn 14:6-9**
2. Do we heed His warnings regarding eternal life? - **Mt 7:13-14,21-23**
3. As Jesus said so often, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" - **Mk 4:9**

-- If we will but listen to Jesus, we will say "You have the words of eternal life!"

[God not only sent **Jesus** into the world, but has sent **His disciples** throughout the world...]

## IV. GOD SPEAKS LOUDLY THROUGH HIS PEOPLE

### A. GOD'S VOICE IN HIS PEOPLE...

1. The disciples of Jesus were given a great commission - cf. **Mt 28:19; Mk 16:15-16**
2. Their duty as the people of God is to proclaim His praises - cf. **1 Pe 2:9-10**
3. They are to proclaim His message in word and deed, proving what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God - cf. **Ro 12:1-2**
4. Their love and unity are to speak powerful messages to the world
  - a. Through love for one another, that they are Christ's disciples - **Jn 13:34-35**
  - b. Through unity, that God loves us and sent His Son into the world - **Jn 17:20-23**

-- Through His people, God says "I love you, and sent My Son to save you!"

### B. HOW WELL DO WE LISTEN...?

1. Their message has gone out into the world, today everyone has the opportunity to hear God through the lives and words of His people - cf. **Ro 10:18; Co 1:23**
2. Do we notice the transformation in the lives of true disciples? - cf. **1 Pe 2:12**
3. Are we willing to listen to the good news they are willing to share? - cf. **Ac 17:11**

-- If we will but give them our attention, we will say "What shall we do?"

## CONCLUSION

1. N.T. Wright in his book, Simple Christianity, mentions universal traits found in mankind...

- a. The search for justice
- b. The quest for spirituality
- c. The longing for relationship
- d. The yearning for beauty

-- Which he suggests are echoes of a voice, calling us toward God

2. I agree, though I would add that we have more than echoes; God has spoken...

- a. Through His **Creation**
- b. Through His **Word**
- c. Through His **Son**
- d. Through His **People**

-- Through such 'voices' God has spoken loud and clear!

3. Who are they that fail to hear "The Clarion Voices Of God"?  
Only those...

- a. Who have shut their **eyes**
- b. Who have closed their **ears**
- c. Who have hardened their **hearts**

-- Sadly, many have refused to hear the voices of God (Mt 13:15)

As the Psalmist wrote, fools say there is no God (**Psa 14:1**), and it is the wicked who do not seek Him

(**Psa 10:4**). Yet the prophet Isaiah calls upon all mankind to:

*“Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.” - Isa 55:6-7*

Are you willing to seek Him, and take notice of him