

GOD CAN SPEAK THROUGH HIS WORD THE VOICE OF A SHEPHERD SERIES, PART 4

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the **word of God** is **living** and **active, sharper** than any two-edged sword, **piercing** to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning** the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **Hebrews 4: 7, 10-12 (ESV)**

LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE BRINGS REST OVER STRUGGLE

GOD'S VOICE IS MANIFESTED IN HIS WRITTEN WORD

GOD'S WRITTEN WORD IS ALIVE

HOW GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN HIS WORD

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple... **Psalm 19:7 (ESV)**

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. **Psalm 19:8 (ESV)**

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. **Psalm 19:9 (ESV)**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than hone and drippings of the honeycomb. **Psalm 19:10 (ESV)**

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
Psalm 19:11 (ESV)

1. THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT

v7a: The **law** of the LORD is **perfect reviving the soul**.

TAKE-A-WAY: Why should I take time daily to read and heed the written Word of God?

Because it will supernaturally give new life to your body and soul!

2. THE TESTIMONY OF THE LORD IS SURE

v7b: The **testimony** of the Lord is **sure, making wise** the simple.

TAKE-A-WAY: IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD READ AND REFLECT ON BIBLICAL EXAMPLES GOD HAS GIVEN US.

3. THE PRECEPTS OF THE LORD ARE RIGHT

v8a: The **precepts** of the Lord are **right, rejoicing the heart**.

Take-a-way: If you're struggling to hear the voice of God and know what do in a situation follow whatever biblical guiding principles you have until God shows up.

4. THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD IS PURE

v8b: The **commandment** of the Lord is **pure, enlightening the eyes**.

TAKE-A-WAY: IF YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD TAKE A PERSONAL INVENTORY OF HOW WELL YOU ARE FOLLOWING THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.

5. THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS CLEAN

v9a: the **fear** of the Lord is **clean, enduring forever**.

Take-a-way: If you're struggling to hear the voice of God ask God to search your heart and reveal anything in your life that may be competing with God to be your first love.

6. THE RULES OF THE LORD ARE TRUE

v.9b: *the **rules (or decrees)** of the Lord are **true**, and **righteous altogether**.*

Take-a-way: When you're trying to hear the voice of God in His written Word lean on His decrees, use them as declarations over your life, let them lead you as you pursue God's will.

*Your Words... More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. **Psalm 19 10-11 (ESV)***