

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

Scriptures from New King James Version unless otherwise noted

1. *Proverbs 3:32*
For the perverse person is an abomination to the Lord, but His secret counsel is with the upright.
2. *Psalm 25:12 NASB*
Who is the man who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way He should choose.
3. *Psalm 25:14*
The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.
4. *Amos 4:13 NASB*
For behold, He who forms mountains and creates the wind and declares to man what are His thoughts, He who makes dawn into darkness and treads on high places of the earth, the Lord God of hosts is His name.
5. *Daniel 2:22*
He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.
6. *Amos 3:7*
Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.
7. *John 15:15*
No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.
8. *Daniel 2:29*
As for you, O king, thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be.
9. *John 10:3*
To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear His voice and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out.
10. *John 10:4*
. . . the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice.
11. *John 10:16*
And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

12. Our life is to be bound up with the life of Christ; we are to draw constantly from Him, partaking of Him, the living Bread that came down from heaven, drawing from a fountain ever fresh, ever giving forth its abundant treasures. If we keep the Lord ever before us, allowing our hearts to go out in thanksgiving and praise to Him, we shall have a continual freshness in our religious life. Our prayers will take the form of a conversation with God as we would talk with a friend. He will speak His mysteries to us personally. Often there will come to us a sweet joyful sense of the presence of Jesus. Often our hearts will burn within us as He draws nigh to commune with us as He did with Enoch. When this is in truth the experience of the Christian, there is seen in his life a simplicity, a humility, meekness, and lowliness of heart, that show to all with whom he associates that he has been with Jesus and learned of Him. *Christ's Object Lessons p. 129-130*
13. All who are under the training of God need the quiet hour for communion with their own hearts, with nature and with God. In them is to be revealed a life that is not in harmony with the world, its customs, or its practices; and they need to have a personal experience in obtaining a knowledge of the will of God. We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. He bids us, "Be still, and know that I am God." (*Psalm 46:10*) This is the effectual preparation for all labor for God. Amidst the hurrying throng, and the strain of life's intense activities, he who is thus refreshed will be surrounded with an atmosphere of light and peace. He will receive a new endowment of both physical and mental strength. His life will breathe out a fragrance, and will reveal a divine power that will reach men's hearts. *Ministry of Healing p. 58*
14. We shall wait for His hand to lead us; we shall listen to His voice, saying, "*This is the way, walk ye in it.*" *Isaiah 30:21, Mount of Blessing p. 118*
15. Impressions and feelings are no sure evidence that a person is led by the Lord. Satan will, if he is unsuspected, give feelings and impressions. These are not safe guides. All should thoroughly acquaint themselves with the evidences of our faith, and the great study should be how they can adorn their profession and bear fruit to the glory of God. *Testimonies Vol. 1, p. 413*
16. Impressions alone are not a safe guide to duty. The enemy often persuades men to believe that it is God who is guiding them, when in reality they are following only human impulse. But if we watch carefully, and take counsel with our brethren, we shall be given an understanding of the Lord's will; for the promise is, "the meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way." *Psalm 25:9, The Acts of the Apostles p. 279*
17. In the secret place of prayer, where no eye but God's can see, no ear but His can hear, we may pour out our most hidden desires and longings to the Father in infinite pity, and in the hush and silence of the soul that voice which never fails to answer the cry of human need will speak to our hearts. *Mount of Blessing p. 84*

18. An intensity such as never before was seen is taking possession of the world. In amusement, in money-making, in the contest for power, in the very struggle for existence, there is a terrible force that engrosses body and mind and soul. In the midst of this maddening rush, God is speaking. He bids us come apart and commune with Him. "Be still, and know that I am God." *Psalm 46:10*

Many, even in their seasons of devotion, fail of receiving the blessing of real communion with God. They are in too great haste. With hurried steps they press through the circle of Christ's loving presence, pausing perhaps a moment within the sacred precincts, but not waiting for counsel. They have no time to remain with the divine Teacher. With their burdens they return to their work.

These workers can never attain the highest success until they learn the secret of strength. They must give themselves time to think, to pray, to wait upon God for a renewal of physical, mental, and spiritual power. They need the uplifting influence of His Spirit. Receiving this, they will be quickened by fresh life. The wearied frame and tired brain will be refreshed, the burdened heart will be lightened.

Not a pause for a moment in His presence, but personal contact with Christ, to sit down in companionship with Him – this is our need. Happy will it be for the children of our homes and the students of our schools when parents and teachers shall learn in their own lives the precious experience pictured in these words from the Song of Songs: "As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my Beloved among the sons. I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love." *Song of Solomon 2:3-4, Education p. 260-261*

19. One sentence of scripture is of more value than ten thousand of man's ideas or arguments. *Testimonies for the Church Vol. 7, p. 71*
20. Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of the scriptures, will be overcome by his attacks. Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind. *The Great Controversy p. 519*
21. In the Bible we have the unerring counsel of God. Its teachings, practically carried out, will fit men for any position of duty. It is the voice of God speaking everyday to the soul. . . . *Testimonies for the Church Vol. 4, p. 441*
22. Every chapter and every verse of the Bible is a communication from God to men. We should bind its precepts as signs upon our hands and as frontlets between our eyes. If studied and obeyed, it would lead God's people, as the Israelites were led, by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. *Patriarchs and Prophets p. 504*

23. So with all the promises of God's Word. In them He is speaking to us individually, speaking as directly as if we could listen to His voice. It is in these promises that Christ communicates to us His grace and power. They are leaves from that tree which is "*for the healing of the nations.*" (*Revelation 22:2*) Received assimilated they are to be the strength of the character, the inspiration and sustenance of the life. Nothing else can have such healing power. Nothing besides can impart the courage and faith which give vital energy to the whole being. *Ministry of Healing p. 122*
24. His power, His very life, dwells in His Word. As you receive the word in faith, it will give you power to obey. *Mount of Blessing p. 150*
25. The Bible is God's voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realize this, with what awe would we open God's Word and with what earnestness would we search it's precepts! The reading and contemplation of the scriptures would be regarded as an audience with the Infinite One. *Testimonies for the Church Vol. 6, p. 392-393*
26. God's holy, educating spirit is in His word. A light, a new and precious light shines forth from every page. Truth is there revealed and words and sentences are made bright and appropriate for the occasion, as the voice of God speaking to the soul. *Christ's Object Lessons p. 132*
27. We shall wait for His hand to lead us; we shall listen to His voice, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." *Isaiah 30:21, Mount of Blessing p. 118*
28. It is one thing to treat the Bible as a book of good moral instruction, to be heeded so far as is consistent with the spirit of the times and our position in the world; it is another thing to regard it as it really is – the word of the living God, the word that is our life, the word that is to mold our actions, our words, and our thoughts. "To hold God's word as anything less than this is to reject it. And this rejection by those who profess to believe it, is foremost among the causes of skepticism and infidelity in the youth." *Education p. 260*
29. When the mind dwells upon self, it is turned away from Christ, the source of strength and life. Hence, it is Satan's constant effort to keep the attention diverted from the Savior and thus prevent the union and communication of the soul with Christ. The pleasures of the world, life's cares and perplexities, and sorrows, the faults of others, or your own faults and imperfections – to any or all of these he will seek to divert the mind. Do not be misled by his devices. Many who are really conscientious, and who desire to live for God, he too often leads to dwell upon their own faults and weaknesses, and thus by separating them from Christ, he hopes to gain the victory. We should not make self the center and indulge anxiety and fear as to whether we shall be saved. All this turns the soul away from the Source of our strength. Commit the keeping of your soul to God, and trust in Him. "Talk and think of Jesus. Let self be lost in Him!" *Steps to Christ p. 71*