

## The voice you need to hear right now!

**Opening text: Psalms 35:1-3, 9-10 - “say to my soul, I am your salvation”**

There is a voice your soul needs right now. David prayed for that voice. David acknowledged the power of that voice and what it could do to his soul.

1 Corinthians 14:10 (KJV) says that *there are so many kinds of voices in the world*. However, right now there's one voice we should follow, one voice we should seek. We should, like David, pray “say to my soul, I am your salvation”.

There are times when our soul needs to rest in the authority of the voice that indeed says, *I am your salvation!* Here's what He says:

- **Isaiah 43:11** – “*I even I, am the Lord, and besides Me, there is no saviour*”
  - **44:6** - ... “*besides Me there is no God*”
  - **44:8** - ... *indeed there is no other Rock*”
- **Hosea 13:4** – ... “*for there is no saviour besides Me*”

With all the talk of *uncertainty* we hear about in the news every day, this is a time when our souls need to be anchored in His voice.

1. David looked for the assurance that can only come from the voice of God

I think of the words in **Isaiah 3:10**: *Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them...*

We need to be available for the voice of God and stop being available to every other voice of fear and uncertainty.

2. It is so important to have God speak right into your soul. I know the encouragement of others can be great, but nothing compares to God speaking directly into your soul

4 things that happen when God speaks into your soul:

- a) **Life** - **Isaiah 55:3<sup>a</sup>** - *Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live.*
- b) **Faith** – At a time of global *uncertainty*, faith is *assurance*. It is the assurance of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1) and that assurance comes by hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17)
- c) **Fire** – the Word ignites a fire that burns in our souls

**Luke 24:32** - ... *Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”*

**Jeremiah 23:29:** *“Is not My word like a fire?” says the Lord...*

**Jeremiah 20:9<sup>b</sup>:** ... *His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones...*

**d) Reassurance and peace - Psalms 85:8:** *“I will hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for He will speak peace  
To His people and to His saints;  
But let them not turn back to folly*

3. Someone listening today may ask, *but how do you hear God speak to your soul?* I think that many of us have ‘roaming’ problems. At times it seems that the signal is not strong enough. It feels as if many have ‘reception’ problems.

Here are 3 unfailing ways to hearing God’s voice:

**a) You need to sign up for God’s network**

Foundational to hearing God speak is to be positioned in Christ.

**Matthew 11:28-29** - *28 Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls*

You need to connect to God’s network and open an account with Him. In fact, the price has been paid and His signal is guaranteed.

**b) You need to position yourself within range**

God needs to find you somewhere where He can talk to you.

**Lamentations 3:19-20** - *Remember my affliction and roaming, the wormwood and the gall. 20 My soul still remembers and sinks within me.*

In this passage, Jeremiah is speaking about a time when his soul was taken with such anxiety, especially because he felt disconnected from God.

He said, *“remember my affliction and roaming”*. Another translation says, *“my wandering aimlessly”*. Jeremiah wandered aimlessly, afflicted, and disconnected from God. He had some serious “roaming problems” – no data was coming through!

I think that we will have ‘roaming problems’ if we don’t take time to stand still and hear God.

**Numbers 9:8** – *“And Moses said to them, ‘stand still, that I may hear what the Lord will command concerning you”*

Also 2 Kings 3:11, 14-18.

### **c) You need to change your settings**

One of the reasons many don't seem to hear God speak to their soul is simply because they live overwhelmed by the number of other voices they've allowed access into their lives. Their account is in overload!

There are more voices in the world than ever. We need to intentionally tune into God's voice. That is the voices that matters the most right now.

We need to make the decision to hear. Jesus said, "*let him who has ears, hear*". **Hearing is a decision.** We decide we are paying attention to.

**Proverbs 4:20** - *My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.*

We have to change the settings of our mind by selecting the kind of data we are allowing in.

We have 55000 thoughts a day (2,292 per hour). We need to take back control of our own thought life by selecting what comes in and what we allow into our 'account'.

**Philippians 4:8** - *Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy**—meditate on these things.*

Our thought life needs to be available to the voice of God.

### **Conclusion**

David said, "**say to my soul: I am your salvation**" – that is our homework, that is the prayer to pray in this season. Let's seek His voice more than any other voice – He will speak peace to His people!

Make sure that you are in God's network, within range and with the right settings!