

HEARKEN TO THE VOICE OF THE LORD

D&C 1a-b Everyone will hear, but the Lord calls the people in his church worldwide to "hearken and listen", something we can do or not do as we choose. What does it mean to "hearken"?

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 If we hearken to the voice of the Lord, we keep His commandment and statutes, and turn unto God with all our Heart and Soul.
To listen, not with our ears, but our hearts and our whole being.
To listen, with the intent to obey with all of our desire, and all of who we are.

Will we put away the distractions and internalize what God is saying, so we can actually DO it?

As priesthood, the Lord has given us a tremendous responsibility:

D&C 83:3a-4c, 6c-f

D&C 43:4a-d

D&C 42:5a-d

D&C 17:9 Do we hearken to the Lord as we plan and lead meetings?

D&C 41:1b We have a covenant with the Living God that we will do these things!

D&C 43:6a-c Some ways God speaks to us:

- Audible Voice
- By angelic messengers
- By the voice of other people (prophecy, scripture)
- By nature, trials, disastrous occurrences in our lives
- By warning of justice and judgment
- By the voice of mercy
- By the promise of Eternal Life

Not an exhaustive list!

Analogy of a growing child.

How can we know if it is God's voice? By the Twin Towers of Truth!

The Holy Spirit: D&C 83:7a-d D&C 10:6-7

The Scriptures: D&C 83:8a-c II Peter 3:15-18

A continuing process: If you think you have it all figured out, you are mistaken!

Matthew 7:12-20 Biggest obstacle to hearing God's voice is when we only want to hear what we think we already know.

As Elders, we are to be taught from on high, All the things of God. We don't have the time be waiting around, wasting the breath God gives us: Mosiah 1:53-54 Every day closer to God!

II Nephi 14:2-6 Not just studying scripture, but the words the Holy Spirit gives us. Don't be paralyzed by trying to determine whether your thought to do good is of God.

D&C 58:6a-e IT IS!

D&C 68:1b-d Promise to the Priesthood