

**“GOS IS SUPREME IN 2019”**

**DEVELOPING A LISTENING EAR TO GOD**

 Isaiah 30:21

 **Bible Fact: God expects** for His chosen, i.e. saved people, to hear His voice in order for them to demonstrate and communicate an effective response of obedience and **acceptance** of His will.

**The Big Idea:** By developing a **sensitive spiritual ear** to the voice of God the faith, righteousness, peace, prosperity, power and joy of every believer will become more **personally rewarding** and to the glory of God.

**Lesson 3**

The sensory of the spiritual-sense systems of the Christian faith and their development will be most important to those who desire to follow Jesus Christ closely and to actually experience personal benefits from being a part of the Kingdom of God. Jesus said, “He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit says.”

Hearing is the ability to collect, process and interpret sound. Hearing happens physically when a sound wave hits a flexible object such as the eardrum it causes it to vibrate, which begins the process of hearing. However, all hearing is not actual real or true hearing. Some hearing by some people is only or mostly “auditory illusion”. An auditory illusion is an [**illusion**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illusion) of [**hearing**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hearing_%28sense%29), the aural equivalent of an [**optical illusion**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Optical_illusion): this happens when the listener [**hears**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hearing_%28sense%29) either sounds which are not true, real or present in the [**stimulus**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stimulus) that is suppose to have initialized the sound, also known as "impossible" sounds. In short, auditory illusions highlight areas where the [**human ear**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_ear) and [**brain**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_brain), as organic, makeshift tools, differ from perfect [**audio receptors**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Audio_recording).

When we read the Bible OT/NT teachers and prophets of old were always concerned with **the source** of the hearing of the people of God. They knew that the source of where we get our hearing will bear heavily upon whom or what we respond to as people of God. To hear false (auditory illusions) will cause one to miss the real truth that God wants Christians to hear and therefore we also miss the blessings that just hearing God affords us to receive. In John 8:32 Jesus says, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” As we move further into our study of developing a listening ear to God let each of us make our quest to be free to serve God thru Jesus Christ and to be made free to hear and receive directions from God.

There are **12 spiritual resources and tools Christians must effectively use to develop a listening ear to God.**

1. **FAITH: Faith is THE spiritual source that Christians use to form and maintain their relationship with God. By faith Christians hear God and follow Him as a proper response to the voice of the Word of God.**
* **Faith is described in Hebrews 11:1**
1. **Where can Christians hear and receive faith to follow God? Romans 10:17; II Timothy 2:15; Psalm 119:130**
2. **No other source but faith pleases God and causes Him to respond to the desires/needs of Christians; Hebrews 11:6**
3. **Abraham used faith to believe God; Romans 17**
4. **Abraham used his faith to mobilize his believing relationship with God and to form a covenant of promise with God; Genesis 12:1-4; 17:1-8**
5. **Faith is hearing and responding to God without questions and without knowledge; Hebrews 11:8**
	* **Faith works by what we cannot see and what we do not know.**

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