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Title: Discerning God's Voice
Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4

Description: Learn how to discern God's voice so you can hear Him clearly and avoid the influence of foreign voices. This seminar will help you grow in spiritual clarity and confidence in following the Master's voice.

I. Introduction

Scripture Focus: Hebrews 1:1–4

A. Context of Hebrews 1:1–4

- **Before Christ:**
 - God spoke through prophets, angels (Joshua 5:13–15), and even a donkey (Numbers 22:22–41).
- **After Christ:**
 - Now that the Messiah has come, God speaks to us through His Son (vv. 1–2a).
 - The writer of Hebrews establishes **Jesus' supremacy**. He is communicating His voice is superior to all others (vv. 2b–4).

B. Titles and Attributes of Jesus in Hebrews 1:1-4

- The radiance of the glory of God
- The exact imprint of God's nature
- The One who upholds the universe by His power
- Superior to angels
- Bearing a name more excellent than theirs

C. The Gift of Hearing God's Voice

- In the Old Testament, believers heard from God **through prophets**.
- Under the New Covenant, **God speaks directly to His children** through the Holy Spirit.
- Hearing His voice is not a privilege for a few—it's a **gift for all believers**.

II. How Do We Discern God's Voice?

A. Ways God Speaks

- Through **impressions and unctions** of the Holy Spirit

- Through **His Word**
- Through **community** (friends, small groups, accountability partners)
- Through **trusted spiritual leaders**

Key Truth: God's voice will never contradict His Word.

B. Three Keys to Discerning God's Voice

1. Know the Way — John 14:6

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

- Discerning God's voice begins with a relationship with Jesus.
- You cannot know His voice if you don't know **Him**.
- This requires becoming **intimately acquainted with the Lord** through worship, obedience, and time spent in His presence.

Application:

- Make relationship a priority over routine.
- The closer you walk with Jesus, the clearer His voice becomes.

2. Know His Word — 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 3:15

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved..."

"Always be prepared to give an answer for the hope you have..."

- Spend **consistent time** in both **devotional reading** and **deep study** of Scripture.
- Read not to find yourself in the text—but to **find Him**.
- Don't skip the "boring" parts; all Scripture reveals God's character.
- The Bible provides a **framework** for discerning what is or isn't from God.

Practical Tips:

- Be a student of the Word.
- Use **trusted commentaries** (e.g., Tony Evans, Christ-Centered Exposition series).
- Don't outsource discernment. **Al isn't the Holy Spirit**. Study for yourself.
- Remember: **Signs and wonders** don't prove authenticity; **truth does**.

3. Know His Voice — John 10:27–28

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

- We recognize God's voice by knowing **what He has already said**.
- Scripture reveals His patterns, heart, and nature.

- Through prayer and communion, we learn the **tone and texture** of His voice.
- True prayer includes **listening**, not just speaking.

Result:

- The more time you spend with the Shepherd, the harder it is to be fooled by foreign voices.

C. Test What You Hear

“Try the spirit by the Spirit.” (1 John 4:1)

“False Christs and prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders...”

(Matthew 24:24)

- Not every voice, sign, or miracle comes from God.
- The Spirit of Truth will **always align with Scripture**.
- Discernment keeps believers from deception, distraction, and spiritual drift.

III. Closing Reflections

- Hearing God’s voice is not mysterious—it’s relational.
- God desires that His children know Him intimately and follow His leading confidently.
- When we know the **Way**, immerse ourselves in the **Word**, and recognize the **Voice**, we won’t be led astray by foreign voices.