



Heaven's Frequency (Part 1) Pastor Ron Carpenter, Jr.

Sermon Summary

This teaching focused on **learning to hear the voice of God**, which is one of the most vital parts of walking with Him. Hearing God isn't a single moment—it's a **cumulative effect** of spiritual growth, maturity, and training your heart and mind to discern His voice.

God speaks primarily from **within us**, not just through outside signs or circumstances. His Spirit leads us in alignment with His Word, never in contradiction. At times, He may use our conscience, peace, or even situational pain to get our attention—but His first choice is a still, inner voice.

*Review: We often wrestle with competing influences:

- **The lust of the flesh** (what my body craves)
- **The lust of the eyes** (what I see and want)
- **The pride of life** (ego and image)

These create cycles of death if followed. But the **anointing within us** teaches us to abide in Christ and live by the Spirit, producing life and peace.

Like Elijah, we often look for God in the dramatic (earthquake, wind, fire), but His voice usually comes as a **gentle whisper**. Learning to hear Him requires stillness, renewal of the mind through His Word, and maturity that comes from consistently following His signals and influences.

When we stay in step with God's Spirit, it may take us out of step with people, but it prepares us for seasons ahead that we cannot see.

Key Scriptures

- **1 John 2:15–17, 20, 27** – Do not love the world... the lust of the flesh, eyes, and pride of life. You have an anointing that teaches you.
- **Romans 7:15–25** – The battle within: wanting to do good but struggling with sin.
- **Romans 8:6–14** – Carnal mind vs. spiritual mind; being led by the Spirit is the mark of maturity.
- **Galatians 6:7–8** – Sow to the flesh = reap corruption; sow to the Spirit = reap life.
- **John 7:38** – From your innermost being will flow rivers of living water.
- **Philippians 2:13** – It is God who works in you to will and to act.
- **1 Kings 19:11–18** – Elijah learns to hear God not in the dramatic, but in the still, small voice.

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out most to you about the difference between hearing God's **inner voice** vs. looking for Him in outside circumstances?
2. The sermon highlighted three strong influences: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life. Which of these do you find tries to influence your decisions the most?
3. Romans 8:6 says "to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Can you share a time when following the Spirit's leading brought peace, even when it was difficult?
4. Elijah only recognized God in the still, small voice after dramatic events failed to reveal Him. How can we cultivate stillness in a world full of noise and distractions?
5. Pastor Ron said, "When you stay in step with God, it takes you out of step with people." Has there been a time when obeying God made you look foolish to others, but later proved to be wise?
6. What daily practices (reading the Word, prayer, worship, silence, journaling) help you tune your mind to hear God's Spirit more clearly?

Challenge for the Week

- **Be still:** Set aside at least 10 minutes each day this week to sit in quiet before God—no phone, no noise, just listening.
- **Filter decisions:** Before making a choice, ask yourself: *Is this coming from my flesh, my eyes, my pride, or the Spirit?*
- **Scripture renewal:** Pick one verse from the list above and meditate on it daily to strengthen your spiritual hearing.