

Is That God's Voice?

- 1 Samuel 15:17-23 -

A. "How can I recognize the voice of Jehovah?" That question is important for 3 reasons:

1. **The interest people have in something new** (Acts 17:19)
2. The **voice we here is not God's, we deceive ourself into thinking it is, but the result is disobeying God's will** (Adam & Eve (Gen 3), Saul (1 Sam 15:20)
3. If turn away from God's voice, we _____ **His directions** Saul's ill-advised sacrifice (1 Sam 13:8-15)

1. The _____ of _____

A. Would you fall for the deceptions of a cult or idolatry?

B. Notice **1 Sam 15:23**... King Saul heard "*the voice of Jehovah*", but he spared what he was suppose to destroy. Yet he declares "*I obeyed God*" (v.20)...

C. Was Saul looking for something else? Did he want to believe something else? Was he looking for support from someone else besides God.

2. How Do You _____ ?

A. _____ - - Samuel (1 Samuel 3:4-18).

1. Through days, weeks, and month of listening, reading, and studying, we can know the voice of God (Jn 10:7,8,24-27)

2. Do you the character of God's word (Psalm 19:7-11)?

B. **Be Totally** _____ **With** _____ **and** _____

1. People act upon "messages" they "hear" from God believing He is speaking to them.

2. To be honest with yourself, love the truth (Jas 1:22-24).

C. _____

1. A passive mind is dangerous (Matthew 12:43-45)

2. Engage in meaningful meditation (Ps 1:1,2; 119:97)

D. _____ and _____

1. Jesus sheep hear His voice (John 10:27)

2. Obedience is a sign of love for God (John 14:15; 15:14)

E. _____

1. Determine what is good or bad (Rom 12:9; 1 Thes 5:21,22)

2. Intuition is not a good standard for discernment (Heb 5:14)