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## Hearing The Voice Of God #2

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The following scriptures show us that God has stored up His goodness to give to His people, notice how this has happened, laid up, piled up and stored up. These things have been stored up because of what Jesus has done for us they are not based on our failures and missing the mark in our lives.

Psa 31:19 "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!" KJV

Psa 31:19 "What a stack of blessing you have piled up for those who worship you, Ready and waiting for all who run to you to escape an unkind world." MESSAGE

Psa 31:19 "How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world." NLT

Jesus has been exalted and given a name which is above every name. The name of Jesus is above everything we can imagine, ie: sickness or disease, any demonic force, failure, inferiority or timidity. At the name every knee shall bow, they will submit to that name, His name will lord over them and every tongue will confess to Jesus. This doesn't mean that everyone is born again, but those who are not will recognize that He is the Son of God and they will submit and bow to Him.

Phil 2:9-11 "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." KJV

We will begin now to learn how to hear the voice of God. This verse is speaking about the mature sons of God, those who are growing, being led by the Holy Ghost, however if we are not growing, we are being led by our feelings and emotions. We cannot allow the enemy to come to us trying to tell us that we are not sons of God, that is a lie, the enemy wants us to think that we are not born again, but our spirit will bear witness with the Holy Spirit that we truly are the sons of God being born again. Our desire is that our steps be ordered by God.

Rom 8:14-16 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, \*they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:" KJV

\* means they are mature

If we are developing and growing we will want to be led by the Spirit of God, however, sometimes we may get into a realm where we are seeking God, wanting to hear His voice, but in learning to hear His voice there may be a series of incidents in our lives, that would cause us to stumble or miss the mark. God is looking at our hearts and knows the desire we have and He will lift us up.

Pro 20:27 "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly." KJV

1 Thess 5:23 "And the very God of peace \*sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." KJV

\* sanctify means to set apart

Most believers realize that man is made up of three parts; spirit, soul and body. We are a spirit, living in a body and we have a soul. The spirit of man is eternal on the way to heaven, the alternative is not good, hell is not the place that we want to go. However, there are those who chose to not accept Jesus and end up in hell.

A story was shared of a woman whose family had brought their mother to a nursing home, they had told those working there, that the family did not want to be notified about how she was doing, don't call when she dies, just contact the funeral home, have her cremated and gave instructions of what to do with the remains. After a few days of her being there, the employees at the nursing home found her to be a very mean speaking, abusive type of individual. She used the Lords name in vain, would throw things at the workers and refused to have any kindness about herself. It was apparent that she wanted nothing to do with anything spiritually or with Jesus, when her time for death came, she began to complain about her feet burning and the heat continued to rise up her body, she called out asking for help to those around but unfortunately it was to late, she had made her choice where to spend eternity.

When we talk to others whose loved ones have passed on, who knew Jesus and were born again, there is such a peace knowing that their passing put them into heaven for

eternity, we can all know that God is love. The spirit of man is that part that lives on forever and ever. What is the spirit shaped like? The spirit is shaped like our body, the body covers our spirit. Second Corinthians chapter 5 goes into detail, giving us a complete picture of what our bodies are like and what part the spirit plays in regards to the body, depending on what version of the bible we are reading.

Heb 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." KJV

Heb 4:12 "For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart." AMP

In these scriptures we see that it is not easy to divide the spirit and the soul and the body of man, but the word of God is able to make that division. God is going to lead us by our spirit. We understand how to educate the mind, to develop the body, but we don't know how to train or develop the spirit of man, that real man on the inside of us. The spirit of man is the candle that illuminates or gives direction.

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In learning how to hear our spirit or be led by our spirit, we have to be extremely careful and not listen to the voice of reasoning when we are approached by ideas that sound profitable, that might cause us to make a wrong decision that could effect our futures in a bad way. Our soulish part sometimes tries to override what is being said to us by our spirit and we have almost covered the inner spirit from being heard because the voice of reasoning is so loud. Reasoning is the voice of the soulish part of us. Our conscience is the voice of our spirit. Feelings or senses is the voice of our body. If we get quiet and don't move to quick we will hear the voice of God. The bible tells us that those who believe don't make haste. Don't be in a hurry, just slow down. It is better to be slow in following the Holy Spirit, than being to fast, it will keep us from having to clean up messes later because we have missed the mark. We won't be missing out on anything, if it is truly of God.

Pro 4:18 "But the path of the \*just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the

perfect day." KJV

\*the just is those born again

Rom 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." KJV

Gods plan for us is that we grow in Him and become the mature sons of God, they are able to pray for those that despitefully use others, they are happy when it rains on the unjust as well as the just. They become doers of the word of God learning to walk in love. The will of God is progressive. Spiritually we take steps of faith making our pathway illuminated so we can see clearly where we are going and what we should be doing. Don't get in fear, thinking that we are missing the mark or we can't do it, our pathway will not be shining brighter than that perfect day, our destination or our calling.

If we neglect to stay focused we will loose sight of what we want to do. In hearing the voice of God and doing His will, we have to be on target or we will loose our focus and we won't progress toward the goal that God has for us. Job mentions that there is a pathway of what God wants for us, that the natural man has not seen.

Eph 2:10 "For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time ], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]." AMP

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God has never made any junk, being born again we are not like we used to be. He has prepared for us, prearranged and made a good life for us. It is impartive that we hear His voice and submit to His guidance that is where the blessings are at.

How do we train the human spirit? God would unfair if He didn't tell us how to do that. We begin to hear and see what is being said to us, there will be indicators which we can begin to follow. An example was given of the lights at an airport for approaching planes and depending of which color is in their view, lets the pilot know how well he is coming in for a landing, these lights will show that he is on course, that adjustment needs to be made, or maybe just circle around and try again. There are also some panel instructments that are indicators which will be telling the pilot what to do. Not heeding these indicators can prove to be fatal.

In following the voice of God we can not take circumstances as they appear to be and make a decision, it will take other things along the way to make a good judgment regarding what we think the spirit is telling us. There can be many indicators like at the airport, each will be equally important. Probably the most important is peace which is shown in the following scripture.

Col 3:15 "And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always]." AMP

Peace was the indicator which proved to be the most important at the time when a decision was made to move and start a ministry in Guymon for Pastor and his family. The progressive steps of faith were put into action.