

The Still Small Voice of God
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Introduction:

- A. *There is a lot of information for us to listen to today.*
- B. *Obviously, all this information is not good. Consider the Internet & teens posting improper information about themselves and others.*
- C. *There is even much misinformation about God, Jesus and the plan of Salvation.*
- D. *The terrible trumpet of Sinai made men stand "afar off, "while the voice of Calvary constrains men to draw near.*
- E. *It is the still voice of God that awakes the heart and brings:*

I. A Promise to the Penitent.

- A. *Character of the penitent man.*
 - 1. *Contrition --- mantle-- It is by the voice of mercy and love that turns the human heart around Job said: Now mine eye seeth thee, wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. Job 42: 5, 6*
 - 2. *Conviction --- approach God—He heard the voice of God and his own voice was silenced. It is not the words we say, but the manner and spirit in which we say them, the gives them their force and significance.*
 - 3. *Confession --- I alone....See Vs.14*
- B. *The promise. It is more about what God did than what He said,*
 - 1. *God came to were Elijah was hiding. Vs. 9*
 - 2. *God listened to Elijah's concern.*
 - 3. *God called Elijah to come to Him.*
 - 4. *God gave Elijah hope.*
- C. *It is God that brings rest to the weary soul.*

II. A Message of Encouragement.

- A. *The presence of God with Him (evidenced by still small voice).*
This speaks of the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- B. *The peace of God in Him. Elijah is reassured that God still loves him.*
- C. *The Promise of God to Him. Find fellowship with other Christians in Israel.*
- D. *The Message: The gift neglected is taken away. Vs. 20 Go back again....*

III. A Challenge to Persevere.

- A. *Go, with a prepared heart.*
 - 1. *Here is a word to those who have never left the vineyard, who have never entered; for the worldly and the sinful.*
 - 2. *To hear this voice is to hear voice of preparation to enter the path of life and service.*
- B. *Go, with my authority. Vs. 15 anoint, appoint set apart for service*
 - 1. *Hazael to be king over Syria*
 - 2. *Jehu to be king over Israel*
 - 3. *Elisha to be a prophet in thy room.*
- C. *Go, lead others. Vs.18 --- 7000 others*
- D. *The challenge: If you treat the grace of God as nothing; then to you it will become nothing.*

Conclusion:

- A. *Satan does his work well.*
- B. *Consider the condition of many lives today.*

Seeing, you do not see
Hearing, you do not hear
Knowing, you do not know
C. Rev 3:20