

How To Listen To God Part 2

Three Stories Three Questions Three Truths

The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.

So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it ... I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

*But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." Noah did everything just as God commanded him. **Genesis 6:5-22***

First Question:

Is God calling you to action?

*You are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:10***

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!' Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.' **Matthew 16:21-23**

Second Question:

What correction might be God speaking to you now?

Be confident of this, that He who began the good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippian 1:6**

God gives us corrections from His love and He intends them for our good.

One day Elisha passed through Shunem. A leading lady of the town talked him into stopping for a meal. And then it became his custom: Whenever he passed through, he stopped for a meal. 'I'm certain,' said the woman, 'that this man who stops by with us all the time is a holy man of God. Why don't we add on a small room upstairs and furnish it with a bed and desk, chair and lamp, so that when he comes by he can stay with us?'

And so it happened that the next time Elisha came by he went to the room and lay down for a nap. Then he said to his servant Gehazi, 'Tell the Shunammite woman I want to see her.' He called her and she came to him.

Then through Gehazi, Elisha said, 'You've gone far beyond the call of duty in taking care of us; what can we do for you? Do you have a request we can bring to the king or to the commander of the army?' She replied, 'Nothing. I'm secure and satisfied in my family.'

Elisah conferred with Gehazi, 'There's got to be something we can do for her. But what?' Gehazi said, 'Well she has no son and her husband is an old man.' 'Call her in,' Elisha said.

He called her and she stood at the open door. Elisha said to her, 'This time next year you're going to be nursing an infant son.'

'O my master, O holy man,' she said. 'Don't play games with me teasing me with such fantasies!' The woman conceived a year later just as Elisha had said, she had a son.

The holy man, spotting her while she was still a long way off said to his servant Gehazi, 'Look out there; why, it's the Shunammite woman! Quickly now, ask her, is something wrong? Are you all right? Your husband? Your child?' She said, 'Everything's fine.' But when she reached the holy man at the mountain, she threw herself at his feet and held tightly to him ...

*He called Gehazi and said, 'Get the Shunammite woman in here!' He called her and she came in. Elisha said, 'Embrace your son!' She fell at Elisha's feet, face to the ground in reverent awe. Then she embraced her son and went out with him. **2 Kings 4:8-37***

Third Question:

What promptings of assurance do you need to hear today?

Our losses don't change who God is

*I am the same yesterday, today and forever. **Hebrews 13:8***

**He's our Everlasting God.
He's our Banner of Protection.
He's our Provision.
He's our Refuge.
He's our Peace.**