

Sacred Space The Voice

The Gospel of Matthew Series (and John)

PREPARATION

Serve only the Lord your God and fear him alone. Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to him. Deuteronomy 13:4

Remember what it says:

**“Today when you hear his voice,
don’t harden your hearts
as Israel did when they rebelled.”** Hebrews 3:15

ADORATION and GRATITUDE

³ The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea.
The God of glory thunders.

The Lord thunders over the mighty sea.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.

⁹ **The voice of the Lord twists mighty oaks
and strips the forests bare.**

In his Temple everyone shouts, “Glory!” Psalms 29

CONFESSION

Only acknowledge your guilt.

Admit that you rebelled against the Lord your God
and committed adultery against him

by worshiping idols under every green tree.

Confess that you refused to listen to my voice.

I, the Lord, have spoken! Jeremiah 3:13

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION—John 10

“I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! ² But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice.

PRACTICE: IN SOLITUDE OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	How do I relate to this?
Respond	What is my next step of obedience?
Rest	Receive God’s healing and renewal.

⁵ They won’t follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don’t know his voice.”

⁶ Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn’t understand what he meant, ⁷ so he explained it to them: “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. ¹⁰ The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

ANCHORING PRAYER *“My shepherd, I listen for Your voice.”*

REVIEW OF THE HEART

- *When was I listening to God’s voice? What did I hear?*
- *When did I not listen to God’s voice? Why?*

WISDOM

And the Lord spoke to you from the heart of the fire. You heard the sound of his words but didn’t see his form; there was only a voice. Deuteronomy 4:12

“Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue; God’s voice is its most essential part. Listening to God’s voice is the secret of the assurance that He will listen to mine.” Andrew Murray

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church & One Another*

CLOSING PRAYER

**Now may the God of peace—
who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great Shepherd of the sheep,
and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—
may he equip you with all you need
for doing his will.
May he produce in you,
through the power of Jesus Christ,
every good thing that is pleasing to him.
All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.**

Hebrews 13:20-21

SACRED SPACE EVERY DAY

Become still and quiet before God.
Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Pray for the Sacred Space Community.
Minister from a listening heart.