

BLOCKAGES TO HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD BY DR. D.K OLUKOYA

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Listen to me very carefully. I am going to be very slow because I want you to get every word that I want to speak. This is very, very important.

The key is hearing God's voice. If you do not hear, you cannot open. You do not even know who is talking. So, you will not open.

The greatest damage that any enemy can do to you is to block your ears from hearing from God. That way, you just run from error to error, problem from problem because you do not know the way.

The most important need of any serious child of God is hearing God clearly. As a matter of fact, when you begin to hear the voice of God, when you begin to hear God, progress begins in your life.

Isaiah was stagnant. He was not getting anywhere until he heard the voice of the Lord and this is why we say:

Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord and he said "Here I am, send me". (2ce).
"Here I am, send me, anywhere, for you," Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord and he said "Here I am, send me!" (Replace Isaiah with your name).

Why did Isaiah say "Here I am, send me"? He heard the voice of the Lord. The reason behind your confusion is because you have not heard His voice. He is talking to you, because God is always talking. You just do not hear Him. That is why one of our prayers here this morning is that every spiritual deafness should die!

It is a great period in your life, greater than your birthday, the day you learn to hear the voice of God clearly, plainly and on daily basis. It is an antidote to failure, disaster and tragedy. This is a very serious matter and that is why I said I will speak slowly so you understand.

What pushes people to prophets, this mountain, that mountain, here and there is because they cannot hear from God. So they believe that there are some people that are so gifted that God talks only to them and does not talk to others: it is a lie.

God is our Father. He wants to talk to you. But it is a different thing from Him talking to you, and you being able to hear. Communion with God (the way I am talking to you now and you can hear me) satisfies the deepest longing of the heart of man.

As a matter of fact, we are created to fellowship and commune with our creator. What I am trying to make you understand is this: you need to be able to hear clearly from the Lord your God.

Why should God abandon you and now go to a remote village somewhere in a dark shrine or hut and go to talk to an illiterate person who did not go to school and cannot even read the Bible to start talking to you about your life? It is a tragedy. A serious tragedy.

This is why many people become slaves of prophets. All the time “God said.” What is God saying that you cannot hear? Your greatest prophet is within you, right there. You do not need any prophet. You do not need any mountain. You do not need any “baba” or anyone somewhere to communicate with your Father in heaven.

Therefore, many people have lost their money, children, marriages, and so many things because one prophet somewhere is telling you that “God said”. The trouble is this, hearing God’s voice does not come automatically to us. This is where many people are having problems. God has sovereign power to speak to anybody at any time and make them hear Him by fire, by force.

But, He scarcely does that, except for a few scanty number of people that God will be talking to them when they are not even expecting to hear anything. Like God called on Saul when he was going to Damascus to persecute the Christians; “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

That is a sovereign decision. It is not everybody. In fact, you know, in that revelation, only Saul understood what was going on. Hearing God's voice does not come automatically.

The reason it does not come automatically is because the Adamic nature that we are born with, is born deaf to God. The Bible says "as in Adam all died, even so in Christ shall all be made alive".

So, for majority of us, God's voice has to be learnt, just like they teach you how to drive, cook or play the organ. You have to learn it. If you have not passed through that process, it is no wonder you think God is not talking to you. He is talking, you just cannot hear Him.

To be quite honest with you, the keys to majority of God's blessings are hearing and obeying His voice. Major trouble of man is taking decisions without hearing from God. You studied for a degree that God did not ask you study for.

You got married to a man or a woman; you did not ask God. You started a business; you did not ask God. There is a mystery about business. There are some particular businesses that some people can never prosper in, no matter how much they invest.

You need to hear from God before you start doing it. You want to run a transport business: you need to hear from God. There is a mystery, a covenant attached to that; because with that your vehicle, you are transporting both good and evil people all over the place.

The bus will move a robber from one place to another, move a fornicator to the hotel to commit fornication, will move witches from one market to the other – your vehicle.

So if somebody is running transport and you do not know that every time when the vehicle comes back in the evening, you need to anoint the seats and pray that what the evil people that entered this bus have deposited into it when they entered should get out now, you will be in trouble.

So you cannot just go into that kind of business without prayers. Another business you cannot just jump into, like that is fishery. Saying “I have fish pond” is not everything. Majority of those that have a fish pond and are getting it to work have a covenant with the marine kingdom.

You have a fish pond without prayers; you will just get there one morning and find out that all the fishes are dead. Also, you want to do furniture, wood business, you do not have a covenant with the forest demons and God did not ask you to do it, those powers will deal with you and the business.

This is why what I am telling you this morning is very critical and very serious. I am praying from my heart, anything, no matter how serious, how deep, how much you love that thing that is deafening your ears to God, those things shall die in the name of Jesus!

Raise up your right hand to the heavenlies:
Thou power of spiritual deafness, die in the name of Jesus!

In Deuteronomy 28, that scripture read what will happen if you listen. It then got to a place that said if you do not listen or hear, these are the terrible things that would happen. The terrible things He listed that would happen are ten times more than the blessings that were listed.

So when you notice that you do not hear from God, you should ask yourself questions:

- Am I born again?
- Am I saved?
- Have I confessed all my sins?
- Have I laid down my will on all matters and taken the will of God alone?
- Am I being washed daily by the application of the word in my life?
- Is my heart full of love or hatred?
- Am I prayerful?
- Do I meditate on the word of God?
- Do I like praises and worship?
- Am I a worshipper?
- Have I stopped grumbling, anxiety, worry, fear? All those things are blockers.

- Do I dwell on that which is good, pure and honest?
- Am I at the place God wants me to be spiritually?
- Are there things that the Holy Spirit has been telling me about, but I have not been listening?
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You may say “ah, I do not think God talks to me.” Or “I do not think the Holy Spirit talks to me”. He does! When you wake up in the morning and you want to jump out without prayers, the inner voice that says “you have not prayed” is His voice.

Somebody is saying something to upset and to get you angry and a voice within says “keep quiet, do not talk”, that is His voice. So, we need to start learning His voice. Only few people will hear the voice of God the way you can hear me on this microphone now.

Majority will have to rely on that internal voice that He uses to talk and you need to now learn how that voice operates so that you do not pick the wrong voice. That is why I am saying you will learn to hear it.

Sometimes somebody is about to do something very bad, maybe commit fornication or adultery, something tells you “This is not good. What you are doing is not right”. You may dismiss it, but He has warned you.

The more you develop yourself, that voice that talks to you quietly will now become louder. So if:

- You are not born again.
 - You are rebellious to God.
 - You are insincere in your Christianity.
 - You are practicing hypocrisy.
 - You are lukewarm.
 - Your conscience is dirty.
- You will be blocked from hearing the voice of God.

Prayer Rain:

1. Every giant demon assigned to bring shame into my life, I bury you now in the name of Jesus.

2. Powers holding me down to this level, lose me and let me go in the name of Jesus.
3. Every struggle that my parents passed to me, die in the name of Jesus.
4. Lion of Judah, roar, call my destiny out of darkness in the name of Jesus.
5. Powers hiding what should make me great, you are liars, die in the name of Jesus.
6. Environmental serpents and scorpions, what are you waiting for? Scatter in the name of Jesus.
7. Powers that want good things to finish before it is my turn, before I leave this place, die in the name of Jesus.

[After Ministration Prayers]

1. O God arise, let me hear your voice in the name of Jesus.
2. Thou power of spiritual deafness in my life, die in the name of Jesus.
3. Every power that wants me to fail, your time is up, die in the name of Jesus.
4. In my dreams tonight, O God appear and speak to me in the name of Jesus.