

Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections gives you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

Head of the Church

Reflection:

Ephesians 1:22,23; Ephesians 4:15,16; Ephesians 5:23;
Colossians 1:17-20; Colossians 2:19

Life Response:

Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



A Discipleship Journey – Hearing God From the Life of Jonah – August 22, 2021

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil[a] has come up before me.” 3 But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.– Jonah 1:1-3 (ESV)

2 Kings 14:23-35 – Amazing prophecy fulfilled.

How did the word of the Lord come to Jonah?

1 Samuel 3:4 - Samuel hears God's voice audibly (as Adam & Eve - Genesis 1:27 & Abram – Genesis 12:1).

Luke 1:26 - Mary is visited by the angel Gabriel

Matthew 1:20 - Angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream.

John 10:4 - The sheep follow for they know His voice.

Revelation 2 & 3 - He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says.

Revelation 3:20 - I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him and he with Me.

Jonah 1:2 - Arise and go to Nineveh.

Jonah 1:3 - The enemy of natural human prejudice.

Acts 10:34; Ephesians 3:17-19; John 3:16

Tarshish – Attempting to flee from the presence of God.

Psalms 139:8,9

Jonah 1:7-10 – A huge Storm.

Jonah 1:11-16 – The impact of Jonah's personal decision on others.

Jonah 2:1-10 – Jesus refers to Jonah twice (Matthew 12:40; 16:4)

Why didn't God get somebody else?

Has God spoken to you but you have evaded it?

Maybe like Jonah...God mercifully is today speaking to you again.

Maybe you aren't sure what God is saying to you...but you are available to hear and follow!

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Questions for Reflection:

- 1) Someone read John 10:4. Who does the Bible say know God's voice?
- 2) What are some things that can crowd out the voice of God?
- 3) What is the number one way that God speaks to us? (His Word).

Whenever someone says they heard from God, what they heard must align with God's Word.
- 4) Have you ever heard God speaking to you and then obeyed his voice? What was the result?
- 5) Someone read Matthew 8:5-13. What does submitting to authority have to do with hearing God?

We can't hear God directing us until we surrender to God daily.
- 6) Do you believe God wants to speak to you?
- 7) What are some things we can do to put ourselves in position to hear from God?

Prayer: Pray to surrender your heart, mind, and body to Jesus. For a hunger for the Word of God and to pray. For God to fill you with the Holy Spirit and make you obedient to you. Pray for God to speak to you. For God to guide your life, and for ears to hear. Pray for all distractions that keep you from intimacy with God to be removed. And for God to make a person of intimacy and honesty with Jesus.