

Can you hear me now?

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Introduction

1. Ezekiel 33:30-33
2. Jack Wilhelm told this story of preaching in a gospel meeting Sunday through Friday. He was driving about 150 round trip each evening. By the last night he was quite familiar with all the mile markers and exits and how long it took him to make the trip. On the last night he was eating next to two elderly ladies, and one asked, How many minutes does it take you to drive back home each night? He said 82. The lady next to her said I've got you beat I'm 86! Can you hear me now?
3. The commercial is about a cell phone and getting good reception, I wonder if God ever thinks if He is getting good reception here?
4. How is our listening in the presence of God, can we hear Him now?
5. I would like to show this morning, that God has/is talking to us today, and how do we listen to Him?

II Discussion

1. God is talking! Are you listening?
 - a. Exodus 19:1-25 God is talking
 - b. 1 Kings 19:9-19 God talks to Elijah
 - c. God speaks through reading the Law. Deuteronomy 31:11-13
 - d. God speaks by His Son, Hebrews 1:1; Matthew 17:5
 - e. Jesus gave to Holy Ghost to guide them, is it as though He is speaking? John 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:13; 2 Timothy 3:16
 - f. He told them to Go preach or teach Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16 Acts 13:46; 28:28; Romans 10:13-17
 - g. All are to speak the same 1 Corinthians 1:10
 - h. God is asking, Can you hear Me now? Acts 10:33 (readiness, reverence, resolve and response).
2. Notice the reaction of some who hear God's words
 - a. Moses at the burning bush trembled at God's word Acts 7:32
 - b. Hebrews 12:21; Exodus 19 How would you react? Can you hear Me now?
 - c. Isaiah talked of those who trembled at God's word Isaiah 66:5
 - d. Ezra talked of those who trembled at God's word Ezra 9:3; 10:4
 - e. Some stood at the preaching of God's word Nehemiah 8:4-5
 - f. Some believed and obeyed Acts 18:8
3. How do you react when God's Word is coming forth?
 - a. Is God saying can you hear me now?
 - b. Acts 10:33 God is speaking
 - i. I wonder if Cornelius would allow a radio or tv to be on while preaching was going on? I wonder if Cornelius would allow people to talk, or pass notes or sleep or read or clip nail or even make out while this preaching was going on? Play on their phone
 - ii. Can you hear me now?

III Conclusion

1. God is still speaking today through His word

2. Are you listening, Luke 8:18 Can you hear God
3. He said you are lost and He has provided a way to be saved, Can you hear Him now?

Source: Smile Seriously! Jack Wilhelm; Idea from Jerry Martin @ teen week 2002
Thursday evening