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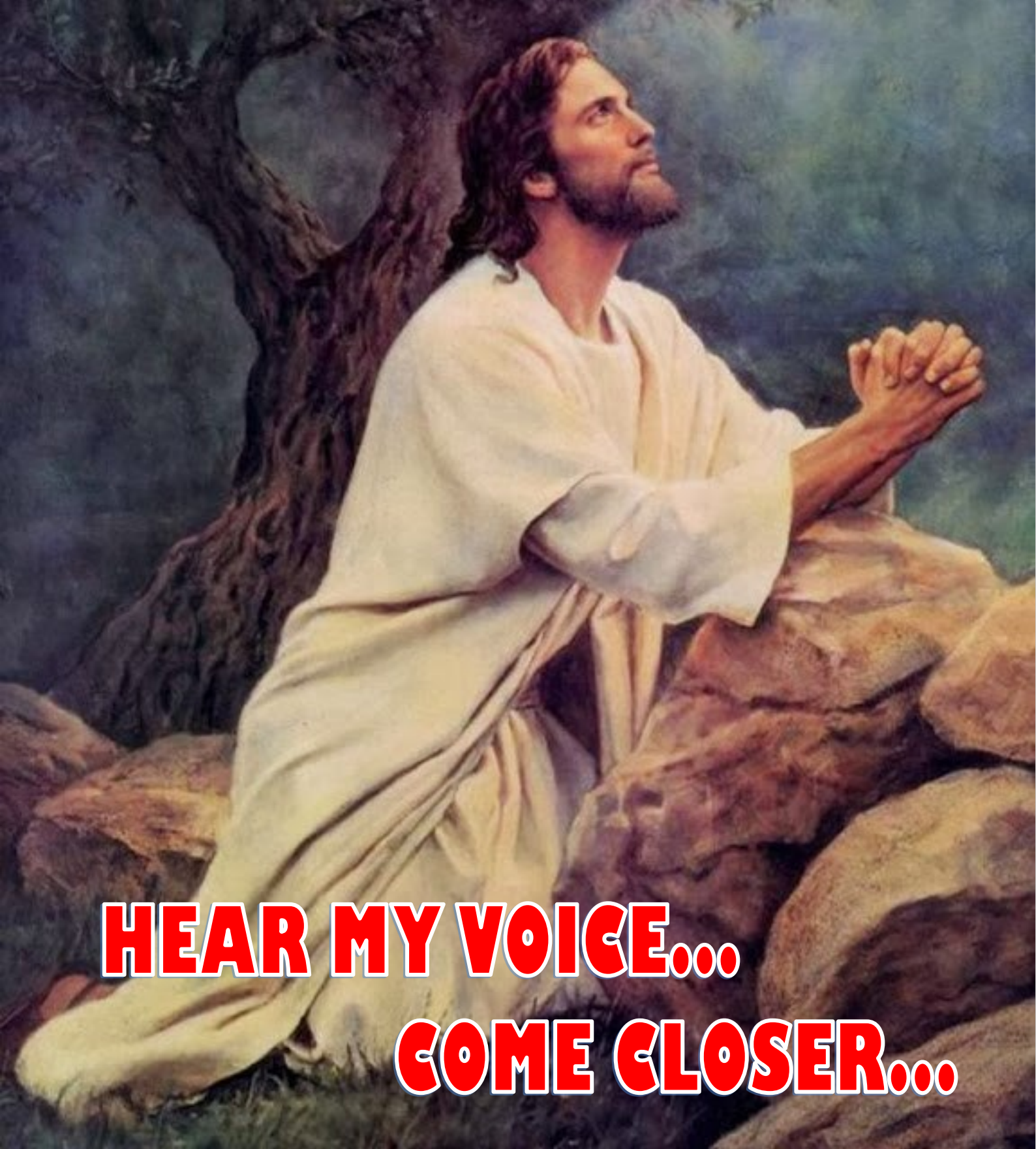
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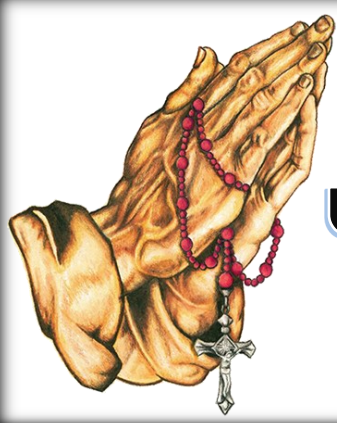
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HEAR MY VOICE...

COME CLOSER...



'ONE DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.'

- ST. MATTHEW 4:4

Don't stop with prayer alone. Let your faith be seen in actions - our father

Although fully God.. Jesus lived His life as fully man.. in obedience to His Father's Word and Will. Jesus lived as the perfect example of how God expects all His blood-bought children to live - in obedient dependence upon our heavenly Father.

Obedience to the Word and Will of God, by not seeking to act independently of Him in every area of life, no matter how pressing the need or how legitimate the activity... is of great value and supreme importance in the eyes of the Lord.. for man's total dependence on Him, glorifies His holy name. Trusting Him in every eventuality of life, however pressing the need.. not only demonstrates a godly character but is also part of God's child-training programme for all believers - so that we may continue to be conformed into the image and likeness of Christ as we depend on Him. Let us seek to be obedient to the Word and Will of the Lord and be prepared to say - I will not live by bread alone but by every WORD that proceeds from the mouth of God.

I. THE WORD OF CREATION

God spoke into existence all things that exist.

Look at Psalm 33:6 ...

"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth."

This is the place to begin thinking about God's Word. Why? Because it tells us that He created everything, owns everything and is the only one who can tell us how everything works. God invented you. He made you. He made the world you live in. He knows how it works and what to do when it is broken. He has spoken on the subject in a manual called the Bible. To read the Bible is to listen to God Himself!

God's Word is not only the word of Creation, it is also ...

II. THE WORD OF AFFECTION

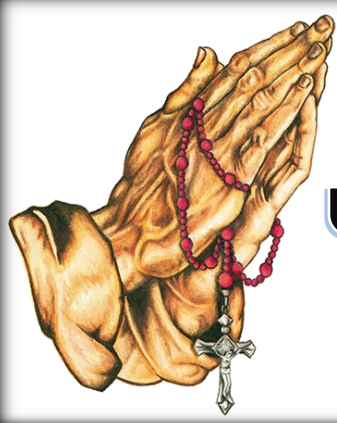
God's Word is a love letter to human beings. It isn't written to anyone else. Animals can't read it. Angels don't need it. It is written to you. Even the stories of horror, war and death are a part of this love letter. They serve as warnings.

In this Book, the Bible, God declares His love and describes His love. In Malachi he says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love. In John 3:16 we read, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish but have everlasting life." This book is a book of affection from our Lord.

III. THE WORD OF SALVATION

God's Word can be a word of transformation or conversion. Listen to what the John 6:68 states ...

"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'"



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Indeed, His words are the words of life. Jesus provided for our salvation with His life at Calvary. He rose for our justification. He intercedes for all who believe. But it is His Word that grants life. Note the Scripture that states, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). You are saved by faith through grace, but without the Word of God you cannot believe. The Word of God is a word of transformation. God makes His grace known through His Word. He calls on us to express our acceptance of His Son through our words.

God uses His Word to inform, convince and convict us, but He requires us to use our "mouth" to openly confess our faith in him. We cannot be saved in other way. There are not secret disciples of Jesus. Just as God speaks openly to us in His Word, we are to speak openly to Him and the world about our faith in Jesus.

We give our word regarding His Word and He then gives us a Word of assurance regarding our salvation.

V. THE WORD OF DIRECTION

Isaiah 30:21 states ...

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

God speaks to us to direct us. His Word is said to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105). I will tell you this, I've never gone astray following the directions found in God's Word, but I've stumbled more than once by not heeding what God said in His Word. God's Word is a divine GPS - God's Positioning Source for the believer.

Finally, note with me ...

VI. THE WORD OF DESTINATION

One day, His Word will determine the destiny of each person here. The question has often been asked, "Does God speak to people audibly?" He has never spoken to me through my human ears, but one day He will. You see, one day God will speak to us of our destiny. To the believer it will be, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord." But to the lost, it will be, "Depart from me you worker of iniquity, I never knew you."

Which word will you hear? You can hear the voice of peace and joy if you will listen now to the voice of salvation. He is calling to you now. He may be speaking to a believer who needs to come to Him for forgiveness, for strength, for direction or simply to find rest in His presence. He is surely speaking today to someone who needs the Savior. Listen! He is calling your name. What will you do? The choice is yours.



***MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE; I KNOW THEM,
AND THEY FOLLOW ME.***

- JOHN 10:27