

# Hear God Speak

## Prayer That God Answers – Part 2

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*John 10:27 (ESV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

*Psalms 81:11-13 (ESV) “But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!”*

### 1. Ask for \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Chronicles 14:9 (ESV) Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the Valley of Rephaim.*

#### 1A. Don't make \_\_\_\_\_ without God

*1 Chronicles 14:10 (ESV) And David inquired of God, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?” And the LORD said to him, “Go up, and I will give them into your hand.”*

#### 1B. Obey God's \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Chronicles 14:11 (ESV) And he went up to Baal-perazim, and David struck them down there. And David said, “God has broken through my enemies by my hand, like a bursting flood.”*

### 2. Listen for God's \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Chronicles 14:13 (ESV) And the Philistines yet again made a raid in the valley.*

### 2A. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ you know God's will

*1 Chronicles 14:14-15 (ESV) And when David again inquired of God, God said to him, “You shall not go up after them; go around and come against them opposite the balsam trees. And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then go out to battle, for God has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines.”*

### 2B. God is \_\_\_\_\_ you as you obey

*1 Chronicles 14:16-17 (ESV) And David did as God commanded him, and they struck down the Philistine army from Gibeon to Gezer. And the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.*

### 3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ God's instructions

*1 Samuel 15:2-3a (ESV) Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have.’*

### 3A. Obedience must be \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Samuel 15:15 (ESV) Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction.”*

*1 Samuel 15:19 (ESV) Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?”*

## Weekly Healing Scripture

*Psalms 107:18-20 (ESV) They loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.*

**Hear God Speak Study Guide**  
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Intro. Why is it important for sheep to listen to their shepherd's voice and follow him (John 10:27)?

Why do people have trouble listening to God (Psalm 81:11-13)?

If a person is not listening to God, what voices are they listening to?

1A. Why did David inquire of God regarding this military decision (1 Chronicles 14:9-10)?

1B. What did David mean when he said "as waters break out, God has broken out against my enemies" (1 Chronicles 14:11)?

1C. What does 1 Chronicles 14:12 tell us about the nature of the battle?

1D. Why should you ask God for direction concerning every decision in your life?

2A. When the exact same situation with the Philistines happened again, why did David inquire again of the Lord (1 Chronicles 14:13-14a)?

2B. Why did God give David detailed instructions this time regarding the attack (1 Chronicles 14:14-15)?

2C. What does the phrase "God has gone out before you to strike down the army of the Philistines" mean (1 Chronicles 14:15)?

2D. What do you think would have happened in the battle if David had led a frontal assault as before (1 Chronicles 14:16-17)? Why?

2E. Why are God's plans always better than our own plans?

3A. What were the two parts of God's instructions to King Saul (1 Samuel 15:2-3)?

3B. Why did Saul disobey the second part of God's command (1 Samuel 15:13, 15)?

3C. Why is partial obedience to God's instructions regarded by God as disobedience?