

The Voice of the Lord

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The voice of God was heard last night. Millions heard Him. He spoke powerfully and emphatically. Some who heard Him acknowledged that He was speaking and that He was God. Most ignored Him even though they were momentarily terror stricken.

"The voice of the thunder was in the heavens, the lightning lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook." Psalm 77:18 "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty." Psalm 29:3&4.

God, the Creator, speaks to us in all of Nature about us. God demands of all men of the earth that honor be paid to Him. Even the mightiest of this earth must realize their insignificance in the face of God's majesty. The most powerful of man's inventions, even to the most powerful atomic devices, stand as nothing compared to a thunderstorm or tornado.

God's people recognize the Shepherd when they hear His voice. They are comforted when they hear Him, even when He comes in the dynamic manner of a close-striking bolt of lightning. They have nothing to fear when He speaks; they are always content with God's revelation of Himself in Creation.

When His own see the sun rise in the morning they hear Him speak to them of His over-consistent love and of His infinity and unchangeableness. They hear God say that He will ever give them life, even after that sun has been destroyed. When they hear God speak in the storm they know He tells of His strength and might, so great that nothing can compare to it. His people know they are safe in His hands.

God also speaks in the whispering wind and murmuring brook, telling of His gentle love and kindly disposition toward His people. God's voice is always one of reassurance, no matter how He speaks.

The wicked also hear God's voice. They hear Him speak to them of their sure condemnation. They hate God's voice and wish to ignore it, but cannot. "Thou didst cause judgement to be heard from heaven; the earth feared and was still." Psalm 76:8.

The wicked also hear God speak of His power and majesty in the tornado or storm. They, however, react with fear and curse Him. It is not their desire to hear of their judgement or to know that they are not the ultimate masters of their fate.

They also hear God's voice in the falling rain. They are not blessed by the rain even though they may seem to be. They are again ready to curse at hearing God speak; the rain may have been untimely or of insufficient amounts.

The rising sun is also a reminder to the wicked. Each morning anew God speaks to them of His unchangeableness. To the wicked, however, this is no sound of reassurance. They rather hear God speak of His never-changing hatred of sin and the workers of iniquity.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy- work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:1-3.

The Lord speaks. All hear Him.

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