

The Still Small... Voice ???

The Pepsi Challenge

A free Pepsi goes to anyone who can drum up solid, unequivocal Biblical support for any of the following concepts:

- 1) The idea that God speaks to us in subjective ways when it comes to non-moral (what we typically mean when we say "I feel led") issues. (license plates, inner nudges, inner leadings, a "peace about it", etc)
- 2) The idea that we need to quiet our hearts in order to not miss God's new revelation regarding non-moral issues (his direction, guidance, or something else not already revealed in the Bible).

Point of Clarification

Moral issues are already addressed in the Bible- God/Holy Spirit does use conviction, conscience etc to address these issues in our lives- The Pepsi Challenge specifically applies to how God communicates to us regarding Non-Moral issues... like "Should I move to Boise" etc.

A recent BLOG on the topic:

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Quiet your heart and listen for a Still Small Voice? -- why bother.

So often we hear talk about how God speaks to us with a Still Small Voice. The implication is that we need to quiet our hearts and minds in order not to miss Gods gentle whisper of guidance.

There are a number of issues that this theology raises but in order to keep this short I'll just make a couple points.

The Still Small Voice is typically supported by a single Biblical passage- 1 Kings 19. In chapter 18 we see that Elijah was a very frustrated fellow. He actually prayed for God to take his life. It seems to me, from reading the passage, that Elijah was actually angry with the Lord and his circumstances. It strikes me that when he heard the gentle whisper he was not quieting his heart and seeking a word from the Lord at all- instead- he was apparently engaged in an actual conversation with the Lord (initiated by God himself) who instructed him to go out and "stand before me".

A quick read of chapter 18 and 19 details a lot of communication between God and Elijah- but one thing we dont see- is Elijah quieting his heart and attempting to discern Gods Still Small Voice. Instead- we see a situation where apparently it was ***impossible*** for Elijah to miss the communiqué from God.

Read the passage and see what you think. I would love to hear your comments. My claim is, and please read this carefully, that there is really NO need to quiet our hearts in order to listen for a message from the Lord. I am not saying that the discipline of solitude or the quest for a moment of silence is invaluable- on the contrary, I recently spent most of an entire day on the top of Pikes Peak all by myself in a state of solitude. One thing I wasn't doing though was seeking hard to hear a gentle whisper of guidance from the Lord. I simply dont find that a Biblical notion.

At least that's the way I see it.

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