



## Hearing 10

**Purpose of the Elders Discipleship Group:** To Train and Equip Discipleship Group leaders to lead more effectively.

**Key Theme:** Hearing.

**Key Truth:** Hearing His voice is critical because we can't see His form.

**Key Scripture:** *Deuteronomy 4:12-20 Then the Lord spoke to you from the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form—only a voice. So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. The Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might perform them in the land where you are going over to possess it. “So watch yourselves carefully, since you did not see any form on the day the Lord spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire, so that you do not act corruptly and make a graven image for yourselves in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky, the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water below the earth. And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. But the Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, from Egypt, to be a people for His own possession, as today.*

The people of Israel heard a voice coming forth from the fire but they saw no form, only a voice. The ability to hear the voice of the unseen God through the Spirit and then apply everything He has already said and is saying, is the key to becoming a mature disciple of Jesus Christ. If we are to become the mature bride of our Groom, it is imperative we hear Him the way He has instructed us to hear Him.

Not only did Moses hear what God was saying but God wrote these commandments down on two tablets of stone, so the people of God could know what God was saying and His expectations for them as His people, as they moved in the promised land.

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The major difference for us today, which comes with a greater expectation, is that these truths are no longer written on stone by the letter but on our hearts with the Spirit. Have we and are we hearing the Word of God in a way that His Word has and is being written on our hearts, in the inner most being place, enabling us to live out and be the demonstration of wisdom upon the earth?

God warns the Israelites to watch themselves carefully as they have not seen any form of the God which spoke to them. He warns them to not act corruptly and make a graven image for themselves in the form of a number of likenesses.

These likenesses include male or female, any animal, crawling creatures, fish. He also warns them to not look up to the heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven and be drawn away and worship them.

Why is this warning so strong to be able to HEAR HIS VOICE?

Because God knows that failure to hear His voice will lead us to create our versions of Him and also create idols and others gods which we will end up worshipping. We will end up worshipping creation and not the Creator and we as the church can be guilty of this just like the world.



Moses, in Verse 23, then reiterates that the people must watch themselves and not make a graven image in the form of anything against God. Unfortunately, the Israelites would fail in this considerably and we must take heed and learn from their disobedience, so we receive all the Father has for us now and in the future.

Hearing Him is the Way to walking in alignment to the Father and truly discerning what is and isn't of Him. There are many voices but only one is the voice of Truth and Life.

How well are we hearing Him?

**Questions:**

1. How well would you say you are able to hear God through His living scriptures?
2. How well would you say you are able to hear Him through the Spirit?
3. Creating a god in our own image comes from not being able to hear God. How prevalent do you think this actually is today in His body?
4. What Life can we experience now within us and through us, from being able to Hear God through His living words?
5. Share with the group how you hear Him and know it's Him?

**Action point:** What is one thing you may need to put in place from going through this resource?