

HEARING GOD THROUGH HIS WORD

FEAR, HEAR, OBEY, AND LIVE

Sermon Questions

- In what ways were the 10 commandments unique compared to God's revelation elsewhere?
 - The 10 commandments were _____ by God and audibly heard.
 - When God spoke the _____ of God was seen in the cloud.
 - God added no more. The 10 commandments are _____.
 - God _____ with his own "handwriting" on tablets of stone.
- What did the people request of Moses and God?

- Words that are spoken directly from God have more authority than words of God spoken through a prophet. (True/False)
- All Scripture (written by men) is _____ by God.
- The words of Jesus are more authoritative than the Scripture recorded by Moses. (True/False)
- Why did the Israelites not want to hear directly from God? (circle the best answer)
 - They rightly feared God and were concerned for their safety before his holiness.
 - They mistakenly feared God, wrongly concerned for their own safety before him.
- A typical response to hearing God or seeing a glorious vision is to fall down as though dead. (True/False)
- List the three things that God requested of the people:
 - _____ Him
 - _____ Him
 - _____ Him
- What does God promise to those who faithfully obey him? _____

Discussion Questions

1. The Israelites were terrified when God spoke directly to them and asked Moses to be their intermediary instead. God commended their fear (v. 29). How does their reaction challenge or affirm the way many people today seek “direct” words from God (e.g., through personal prophecies, dreams, or audible voices)?
2. The sermon emphasized that the written Word of God—delivered through prophets like Moses—is just as authoritative and reliable as God’s direct, audible voice (citing 2 Peter 1:19–21 and 2 Timothy 3:16). In what ways do you sometimes treat personal experiences or new “words” as more valuable or trustworthy than the Bible? How can we grow in trusting Scripture as God’s sufficient voice to us today?
3. The sermon stressed that the call to obey God’s commandments comes after God’s gracious deliverance (from Egypt, and for us, from sin through Christ). Obedience is not the root of our relationship with God but the fruit of grace (Titus 2:11–12). Where do you most often slip into viewing obedience as a way to earn God’s favor rather than a grateful response to it? How can remembering grace change your motivation to obey?
4. The passage points forward to Jesus as the preeminent prophet who speaks God’s final word (Hebrews 1:1–2), and the one true Mediator between God and man. How does seeing Christ as the fulfillment of this pattern at Sinai deepen your appreciation for the Bible? In what specific area of life right now do you need to hear and obey Jesus’ voice through Scripture rather than relying on feelings, circumstances, or other sources?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. Why do you think God was happy that the people were afraid of him? What does it mean to “fear” God like being in awe of something super powerful and holy, but still knowing he loves us?
2. How can we “listen” to God today?