



A Meditation: The Voice

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We are living in an age of ballooning technology. The race to provide sophisticated communications between people and people, and between people and their machines continues at a heated pace. There also are ongoing efforts to establish communications between earth people and beings elsewhere in space if there are such extraterrestrials. However, how much is being given to finding and listening to the voice of our creator and the creator of all things?

About 4,000 years ago there was a man who heard a voice. The man was Abraham. The voice was the voice of God. In a test of faith, God instructed Abraham to go with his son Isaac to a mountain he would show him and there sacrifice his son. Abraham set about to obey the voice of God. Happily the Lord intervened at the last minute so that Abraham did not actually have to slay his son. The voice then spelled out promised blessings to Abraham that began with Abraham's seed and extended to all people. "And through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." (Genesis 22:20) (NIV)

About 1,500 years later a voice from heaven spoke remarkable things to a nation made up of the descendants of Abraham. The place was Mt. Sinai. The people's leader was Moses. And this is what happened. *17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18 Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently, 19 and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him* (Ex. 19:17-19) (NIV). The message God then gave them was the body of law for their nation, as well as the moral law, the ten commandments.

About 1,500 years later, there was another gathering of people, this time at the Jordan River. They had the awesome experience of hearing God's voice from heaven. The voice spoke of his son who had just been baptized. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17) (NIV)

Over time the voice promised a special nation and blessing to all people. The voice delivered the law to that special people. The voice directed all mankind to God's son, Jesus. To this list of remarkable communications from heaven, let us add one more. It was Easter morning. Mary was weeping. She was certain her master was dead and buried in an unknown place. Then she heard a voice. It said, "Mary." It was only one word, her name, but for Mary it meant her master. Jesus, who was dead, now truly lived again. It meant all he taught and promised was true! It meant Mary and all the world had a Savior. The voice she heard was the voice of God. The message the voice shared was truth, life and salvation! This voice still speaks, not from heaven but from a book, the Holy Bible. We may hear it from a tape, a reading in church, personal Bible reading, a friend's witness, from a radio service or from a computer screen. As we listen, we are in touch with God, our Creator, Jesus, our Redeemer and God's Holy Spirit our Sanctified. With Mary we embrace the Voice in faith!

There are those who seek the voice of truth in exacting scientific studies of the world around us. There are those who seek the voice of truth through scrupulous reasoning processes. There are those who beam antennas into space seeking to hear voices. But those made wise by the Lord turn their eyes, ears and hearts to the Bible and listen to the one and only Voice that lives and brings life! LSI