

Series: Hearing God In A Noisy World
Message: Counterfeit Voices, Part One
Scripture: 1 Kings 13:11-25
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¹¹ Now an old prophet was living in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the deeds which the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words which he had spoken to the king, these also they related to their father.

¹² Their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" Now his sons had seen the way which the man of God who came from Judah had gone.

¹³ Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him and he rode away on it.

¹⁴ So he went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak; and he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

¹⁵ Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

¹⁶ He said, "I cannot return with you, nor go with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place.

¹⁷ "For a command came to me by the word of the Lord, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water there; do not return by going the way which you came.'"

¹⁸ He said to him, "I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" But he lied to him.

¹⁹ So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water.

²⁰ Now it came about, as they were sitting down at the table, that the word of the Lord came to the prophet who had brought him back;

²¹ and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the Lord, 'Because you have disobeyed the command of the Lord, and have not observed the commandment which the Lord your God commanded you,

²² but have returned and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which He said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water"; your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers.'"

²³ It came about after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

²⁴ Now when he had gone, a lion met him on the way and killed him, and his body was thrown on the road, with the donkey standing beside it; the lion also was standing beside the body.

²⁵ And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the road, and the lion standing beside the body; so they came and told it in the city where the old prophet lived.

1 John 4:1

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1. Personal Desires

1.1 One's Leading Must Be Consistent With God's Word.

1.2 One's Leading Must Be Motivated By Bringing Glory To God.

Acts 20:22-23

²² *"And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,*

²³ *except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.*

2. Peace Of Mind

6 Summary Conclusions

1. Personal desires (whether in opposition to God's Word or merely motivated by self-serving intentions) should be readily identified as a counterfeit voice.
2. Peace of mind should never be heavily relied upon and certainly never viewed as an infallible gauge for determining God's will.
3. If you have "peace of mind" about a decision which includes good and desirable circumstances, put little stock in its presence.
4. If your "peace of mind" about a decision which includes undesirable circumstances, listen carefully because God may well be speaking to you.
5. If you don't have "peace of mind" about something which includes desirable circumstances, be very cautious about moving ahead.
6. If you think something "might" be morally wrong for you, don't do it.