

# **Lessons for Hearing God!**

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Series: 1 Kings – Lessons from the Journey

## **General Revelation**

*“For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”*

*Romans 1:19–20 ESV*

*“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.”*

*Psalms 19:1–3 ESV*

## **Special Revelation**

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”*

*Psalms 119:105 ESV*

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,”*

*2 Timothy 3:16 ESV*

## **I. Be Selective with My Partnerships**

*“For three years Syria and Israel continued without war. But in the third year Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.”*

*1 Kings 22:1–2 ESV*

*“And the king of Israel said to his servants, “Do you know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, and we keep quiet and do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?” And he said to Jehoshaphat, “Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?” And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.””*

*1 Kings 22:3-4 ESV*

*“Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor, and he made a marriage alliance with Ahab.”*

*2 Chronicles 18:1 ESV*

*“But Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Because of this, wrath has gone out against you from the LORD.”*

*2 Chronicles 19:2 ESV*

## **II. Seek the Lord’s Direction and Wisdom**

*“And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Inquire first for the word of the LORD.” Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, “Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?” And they said, “Go up, for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.””*

*1 Kings 22:5-6 ESV*

*“When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.”*

*John 10:4 ESV*

*“But Jehoshaphat said, “Is there not here another prophet of the LORD of whom we may inquire?” And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, Micaiah the son of Imlah, but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me, but evil.” And Jehoshaphat said, “Let not the king say so.””*

*1 Kings 22:7-8 ESV*

*"A scoffer does not like to be reproved; he will not go to the wise."*

*Proverbs 15:12 ESV*

*"And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron and said, 'Thus says the LORD, 'With these you shall push the Syrians until they are destroyed.' '"*

*1 Kings 22:11 ESV*

### **III. Do Not Compromise the Truth**

*"And the messenger who went to summon Micaiah said to him, 'Behold, the words of the prophets with one accord are favorable to the king. Let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably.' '"*

*1 Kings 22:13 ESV*

*"But Micaiah said, 'As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I will speak.' '"*

*1 Kings 22:14 ESV*

### **IV. Be Prepared to Receive the Truth**

*"And when he had come to the king, the king said to him, 'Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?' And he answered him, 'Go up and triumph; the LORD will give it into the hand of the king.' But the king said to him, 'How many times shall I make you swear that you speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?' '"*

*1 Kings 22:15-16 ESV*

*"And he said, 'I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, 'These have no master; let each return to his home in peace.' '" And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?' '"*

*1 Kings 22:17-18 ESV*

### **V. Be Careful Who You Listen To**

*"And Micaiah said, 'Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left; and the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said one thing, and another said another. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, saying, 'I will entice him.' And the LORD said to him, 'By what means?' And he said, 'I will go out, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And he said, 'You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do so.' '"*

*1 Kings 22:19-22 ESV*

*"Now therefore behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; the LORD has declared disaster for you.' '"*

*1 Kings 22:23 ESV*

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

*1 John 4:1 ESV*

### ***Will I Respond to the Lord Today?***

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

*Matthew 11:28-30 ESV*