

Gospel Lighthouse Church
Sunday Morning Worship Service
1/11/26
God's Voice Series I: Introduction

Text: I Kings 19:11-13

12 “and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a **still small voice**. 13 “So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a **voice** *came* to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” (1 Ki. 19:12-13 NKJ)

Introduction: The human voice is formed through remarkable yet fragile anatomy—lungs that push breath, vocal cords that vibrate, and a mouth that shapes sound into meaning. Our voices tire, crack, and fail, revealing both our design and our limitations. By contrast, the voice of God is not bound to breath, vocal cords, or flesh. It does not weaken with time or strain under emotion. Scripture reveals God’s voice as **creative, commanding, and sustaining**—calling worlds into existence, shaping hearts, and cutting through chaos with perfect clarity. As we begin this series, we will explore the contrast between our human voices and the divine voice that speaks not merely to the ear, but to the soul.

- The first explicit reference to God’s voice being *heard* in Scripture appears in Genesis 3:8: “And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day...” (KJV)
- This reference is God’s voice to bring about healthy shame and correction not tormenting fear.
- From the beginning, God is a God who **speaks**, and humanity is a people created to **hear** Him.

Foundational truth for this series

Every revelation from God expands us—but never exhausts Him.

- God’s voice always reveals truth, direction, correction, and comfort—but it never diminishes the fullness of who He is. What we hear is real, but it is never all there is.

To establish this foundation, Scripture gives us names of God—compound names that reveal His immeasurable and inexhaustible nature. When we hear His voice, all of these attributes (and more) are inherently present.

The Names of God and the voice of God

1. El Roi — The God who sees: This name emphasizes God’s awareness of His people.

“*Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees...*”
—Genesis 16:13.

- God does not speak from a distance or ignorance. He speaks as One who **sees completely**—our circumstances, our struggles, our fears, and our future. When God speaks, it is always informed by perfect awareness.
- **He always sees us.**
- **He always takes note of us.**

2. El Shaddai — Almighty God: Though the exact root of *Shaddai* is debated, its meaning is clear: **Almighty**.

“*I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.*”—Genesis 17:1.

- When God speaks, His voice carries **authority and power**. It is not advice—it is divine capability expressed in words. What He commands, He empowers.

3. El Deah — The God of knowledge.

“*For the LORD is the God of knowledge; and by Him actions are weighed.*”—1 Samuel 2:3.

- God never speaks impulsively or inaccurately. His voice flows from **perfect knowledge**. He knows motives, intentions, outcomes, and consequences. His words are always true, measured, and just.

4. Elyon — The Most High God: Elyon means *the Strongest of the strong*—the **Most High**.—Isaiah 14:13–14.

- . God's voice is not competing with other voices; it stands above them. When He speaks, His perspective is eternal and sovereign, not limited by earthly power or human reasoning.

5. El Olam — The Everlasting God: The name *elohe olam* is the God of age or eternal God.

"The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable."

—Isaiah 40:28

- God's voice is not seasonal, emotional, or temporary. It flows from an **eternal nature**. What He speaks today is consistent with what He has spoken forever.
- When Elijah heard God—not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but in the still small voice—he recognized something familiar: the voice of God who sees, knows, reigns, endures, and has all power.

And when He speaks, *all of who He is* speaks.

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