

## St James News: Thought for the day – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Hearing God's voice – Rev John Ohen

How can we hear God's voice in this PANDEMIC – (Covid -19).

The Bible reminds us that we can hear God when we pray, fast, read the Bible/ Scriptures.

How can we prepare to hear God's voice? What does God's voice sound like? When we hear God's voice, can we recognise that it is God's speaking to us? Our disposition should be Lord speak for your servant is listening. The Bible is the sacred scripture, the word of God. The Father in heaven can speak to us in many ways. Just like Jesus said to the rich young man: "Sell all what you have and distribute to the poor" (Luke 18:22). Another good example is when Paul expanding on the teachings of Jesus writes "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Ephesians 4: 26). It is good to read the Bible often, because instead of it being a mere sentence on a page. It can transform, change the way we are thinking, and become life changing, sometimes helps us to repent or even to improve our relationship with others. We can call upon the Lord for help, when things are getting difficult, or challenging moment of our lives, in many cases we suddenly find a way forward.

We can equally hear God through preaching and teaching of God's word, but we need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us. The work of the Holy Spirit is to reveal more and more in the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

We can equally hear God's voice through the Sacraments, Jesus is present in our Sacraments, and each sacramental celebration is a meeting of God's people and the risen Lord Jesus. Sisters and brothers let us listen to our inner voices.

**Bible Passage:** [1 Samuel 3:1-0](#)

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus help us to trust in you in times of trouble, so that you can bring us the peace and strength that only comes from you. Amen.