

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

**Psalm 29**

**Acts 8:14-17**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

From these passages, we see that our GOD is a God who speaks to His people. He makes His voice heard in many ways.

In Isaiah, He tells His people to “Fear not, I have redeemed you and I have called you by your name”, referring to Jacob and Israel. Later in this passage He says, “Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory, I have made him, yes, I have made him.”

There’s also the promise of the Redeemer here.

In this scripture redeemed (past tense), God is speaking the word completed. Already done!

There’s also the promise to Israel that they will return from everywhere they were scattered.

Considering what we are seeing today, it’s a promise that had begun on May 14, 1948, when Israel became a state, a place of refuge for displaced Jewish people.

The Psalmist David opens this Psalm with Give unto the LORD, the glory due His name. Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

He describes the voice of the LORD and the power of His voice like this.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, is powerful, is full of majesty, it breaks the cedars, it divides the flames of fire, it shakes the wilderness, makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare.

He finishes this Psalm with; the LORD will bless His people with peace.

I am at peace during these tumultuous times in our world knowing that our GOD, my GOD, the GOD of Israel, is in full control of His world, standing outside of time, allowing what looks like chaos to happen in the world, not orchestrating it, although He could. But, allowing.

In Acts, the apostles in Jerusalem 'heard' that the Word of the LORD had come to the people of Samaria. They went down to them, laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel today, takes us to the baptism of Jesus. The promised Redeemer.

GOD speaks, 'You are my beloved Son; in You, I am well pleased.'" Everyone in the area heard His voices that day. Whether or not they understood? Who can know? There were those who definitely did o wouldn't have the account.

The voice of GOD, how do we hear it? How do we recognize it?

God will never speak outside of what His word says. He will never contradict His Word. His Word is His will. The most important thing to know as believers, is His Word. We MUST read it!

Precept upon precept, line upon line. His Word is truth.

GOD, the three in One is a speaking GOD, who has relationship with each of us who know Him through His Son, individually. He wants us to hear Him.

***LORD, help us to hear Your voice through the noise of the day. There are many voices out there saying, this is what the LORD says and is doing, and some may be right. Help us to discern, give us ears to hear and eyes to see, what the Spirit of God is doing and saying in these times and give us hearts to pray. In Jesus' Name.***

***Amen***