

LUKE 10 - A voice from Heaven

*Luke 3:21-22 - When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And **a voice came from heaven**: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”*

*Matt 3:16-17 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. **At that moment** heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”*

*Isa 42:13-14 - The Lord will march out like a champion, **like a warrior** he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies. “For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, **like a woman in childbirth**, I cry out, I gasp and pant.*

As Jesus comes up out of the water we have the public declaration from God as the voice from heaven declares over Jesus “you are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” This week we looked at two aspects of this voice, the direction and tone.

Direction - Voice from heaven

Our biggest problem in life is that we listen to voices from earth (& below) and not from heaven. We have many voices shouting, talking and whispering over us. Telling us who we are, who we should be and too often what we can't do.

Tone - Soldier, Mother and Father

It is one thing to believe that God said these words over His son, and for anyone in Christ over us too. The question arises though; what was God's tone as He says these words? Through Isaiah 42 we have the incredible combination of images as God uses the triumphant declaration of a soldier, the cries of anguish of a mother in labour to describe how He as a Father declares, cries and proclaims over His Son; identity, affection and affirmation in those unforgettable words:

YOU ARE MY SON! (*Identity*)
WHOM I LOVE! (*Affection*)
WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED! (*Affirmation*)

Who's voice do you listen to? (*Direction*)

What is the tone of that voice? (*Tone*)

What is that voice saying about you?