

# 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*)

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

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

What is that voice saying about you?