

Voice Mail in Heaven?

All of us tend to get frustrated from time to time when we place an urgent call on a matter requiring attention, go through a series of recorded prompts, and wind up talking to no living, breathing person. To varying degrees, we have learned to live with voice mail as a necessary part of modern life. But perhaps you have wondered, "What if God decided to install voice mail?" Someone shared with me this cleverly written piece of speculation, and the author is not known. But imagine praying and hearing this ...

"Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options:

- "Press 1 for request.
- "Press 2 for thanksgiving.
- "Press 3 for complaints.
- "Press 4 for all other inquiries."

What if God used the familiar excuse: "All the angels are helping other customers right now. Please stay on the line. Your call will be answered in the order it was received."

Can you imagine getting these kinds of responses as you call on God in prayer?

- "If you would like to speak to Gabriel, press 1 now.
- "If you would like to speak to Michael, press 2 now.
- "For a directory of other angels, press 3 now.
- "If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you're holding, press 4 now.
- "To find out if a loved one has been assigned, enter his or her social security number now.
- "For reservations at My Father's House, press the letters J-O-H-N and then 3-1-6.
- "For answers on nagging questions about the age of earth and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive here.
- "Our computers show that you have already called once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow.
- "This office is closed for the weekend. Please call again on Monday after 9:00 a.m."

Well, all of that is fanciful stuff. Thank God, you can't call the Lord too often, and when you call, He will answer.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, "Here I am" (Isaiah 58:9).

--Beecher Hunter