The first time we read the phrase "They heard the voice of the Lord God" is in verse eight of Genesis three.

We read there that the first man and his wife

"HEARD the voice of the Lord God (Jehovah Elohim), walking in the garden in the cool of the day"

What was their reaction on hearing His voice?

Was it one of happy recognition? Did they eagerly run to meet Him? Did their hearts joyfully anticipate wonderful communications from their Creator?

Ah no! His voice brought terror to their hearts. The last thing they desired was to be in His presence; to hear His voice.