

Hearing God and Expectancy

(in New Living Translation, except where noted)

Matthew 27:51 - At that moment the curtain in the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, (**access to the Holy of Holies**)

Exodus 25:21-22 - Place inside the Ark the stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, which I will give to you. Then put the atonement cover on top of the Ark. **I will meet with you there and talk to you** from above the atonement cover between the gold cherubim that hover over the Ark of the Covenant. From there I will give you my commands for the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 8:3 - Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people need more than bread for their life; **real life comes by feeding on every word of the LORD. (his continuous speaking, we truly live by what he speaks)**

Romans 1:17 - This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." (**faith & expectancy**)

Romans 10:17 - Yet faith comes from **listening (hearing)** to this message of good news – the Good News about Christ.

Isaiah 55:1-3 - "Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink – even if you have no money! Come take your choice of wine or milk – it's all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen, and I will tell you where to get food that is good for the soul! **"Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, for the life of your soul is at stake.** I am ready to make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the mercies and unfailing love that I promised to David.

John 8:2-28 - I have much to say about you and much to condemn, but I won't. For **I say only what I have heard from the one who sent me,** and he is true." But they still didn't understand that he was talking to them about his Father. So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will realize that I am he and that **I do nothing on my own, but I speak what the Father taught me. (Jesus is our role model)**

Luke 10:39, 42 - Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, **listening** to what he taught. "There is really only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it – and I won't take it away from her." (**the one necessary thing**)

Psalms 27:4 (Amp.) One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek, inquire for, and (insistently) require: that I may **dwell** in the house of the Lord (in His presence) all the days of my life, to **behold** and gaze upon the beauty (the sweet attractiveness and the delightful loveliness) of the Lord and to meditate, consider, and **inquire** in His temple.

Matthew 13:14-16 - This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah, which says: 'You will hear my words, but you will not understand; you will see what I do, but you will not perceive its meaning. For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes – so their **eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand** and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.' **"But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.**

Psalms 95:7-8 - for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the sheep under his care. **Oh, that you would listen to his voice today!** The LORD says, "**Don't harden your hearts** as Israel did at Meribah, as they did at Massah in the wilderness.

Hebrews 3:7-8 - That is why the Holy Spirit says, "**Today you must listen to his voice. Don't harden your hearts** against him as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested God's patience in the wilderness. (**not discounting**)

Hebrews 4:2 - For this Good News – that God has prepared a place of rest – has been announced to us just as it was to them. But **it did them no good because they didn't believe what God told them. (believing his heart as we listen)**

Galatians 3:2, 5 - Let me ask you this one question: did you receive the Holy Spirit by keeping the law? Of course not, for the Holy Spirit came upon you only after you believed the message you heard about Christ. I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law of Moses? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ. (**hearing with faith**)

Ecclesiastes 5:1, 2 - As you enter the house of God, keep your ears open and your mouth shut! Don't be a fool who doesn't realize that mindless offerings to God are evil. And don't make rash promises to God, for he is in heaven, and you are only here on earth. So let your words be few. (**draw near to listen ... do not be hasty in word or, literally, hurry your heart**)

Isaiah 30:19 - O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. He will be gracious if you ask for help. **He will respond instantly to the sound of your cries.**

Jeremiah 33:3 (Amp) - **Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know** (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand).

Isaiah 58:9, 11-9 - **Then when you call, the LORD will answer. "Yes, I am here", he will quickly reply.** "Stop oppressing the helpless and stop making false accusations and spreading vicious rumors! **The LORD will guide you continually,** watering your life when you are dry and keeping you healthy, too. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.

Isaiah 30:21 - and **you will hear a voice** say, "This is the way; turn around and walk here."

Proverbs 1:33 - But all who **listen to me** will live in peace and safety, unafraid of harm.

Isaiah 1:18a - Come now, and **let us reason together,** says the Lord.

John 10:27 - **My sheep recognize my voice;** I know them, and they follow me.

John 8:47a - Anyone whose Father is God **listens gladly to the words of God.**

John 10:3 - The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and **the sheep hear his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name** and leads them out.

Isaiah 9:6 - For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful **Counselor,** Prince of Peace.

John 20:17 - "Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to **my Father and your Father,** my God and your God."

John 15:14 - You are my **friends** if you obey me. (**being friends requires conversation**)

Isaiah 50:4-5-4 The Sovereign LORD has given me his words of wisdom, so that I know what to say to all these weary ones. **Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to his will. The Sovereign LORD has spoken to me, and I have listened.** I do not rebel or turn away.

Psalms 143:8 (Amp) - **Cause me to hear Your loving kindness** in the morning, for on You do I lean and in You do I trust. Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my inner self to You.

Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22 - **Let him hear what the Spirit says**

Revelation 3:20 - "Look! Here I stand at the door and knock. **If you hear me** calling and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal as friends.

Luke 8:15 - But the good soil represents honest, good-hearted people who **hear God's message,** cling to it, and steadily produce a huge harvest. (**treasure what you hear**)

Job 23:12 - I have not departed from his commands but have **treasured his word in my heart.**

Psalms 119:11 - I have **hidden your word in my heart,** that I might not sin against you.

Proverbs 8:32 - Now therefore **listen to me,** O you sons; for blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who keep my ways. (**happy are those who listen and respond**)

Psalms 81:13-14 - But **oh, that my people would listen to me!** Oh, that Israel would follow me, walking in my paths! **How quickly I would then subdue their enemies!** How soon my hands would be upon their foes!

1 John 5:14-15 - And we can be **confident that he will listen** to us whenever we ask him for anything in line with his will. And **if we know he is listening** when we make our requests, **we can be sure that he will give us what we ask for.** (**immediate expectancy**)

Maintaining Freedom

Any hesitancy to embrace the truth of the Father's character or our identity in Christ as revealed in Scripture, requires "Tending Your Heart" (Prov.4:23) (see doc.) if we are to

experience intimacy with Him. "Search me O God and know my heart" (Ps.139:23). Instead of introspecting, ask Him and

listen. He is eager to speak to you. Be honest about your sin (Ps. 32:5).

Avoid sin like the plague (Ja. 1:14-16). Confess it quickly (1John 1:9). Beware of the enemy's sneaky traps (1Pet. 5:8). Ask the Holy Spirit to alert you. Quit trying to make it through on your own (Jer. 17:5). Stop and ask for His help.

Break with friendships that pull you away from Jesus. Choose those who will encourage you in Him (James 4:4). Take steps to break former habits that lead to sin (Philip.4:8). Be accountable (Eph.5:21)

Humble yourself (Ja.4:6,7,10). Surrender your life to His lordship (Lu.9:23,24). Repent (more than regret and 'worldly sorrow' with no intention of change 2Cor.7:9-11) and

take steps to walk it out (Matt. 3:7,8; Ps.51:1-4,6-7,10-12,17). Forgive from the heart (Matt.6:14,15; Matt. 18:21-

35). Pray (lit.)"energetically" (Ja. 5:16). Cry out to

Jesus wholeheartedly (Ps. 107:19,20).

Keep your house full of the living truth He speaks to you.

Ask Him to speak the words of truth your heart needs to hear. Taking to heart the living truth makes the enemy's deception obvious and equips you for victory. An empty house invites. attack (Matt. 12:43-45). "Don't give the enemy an opportunity, a foothold, a place" (Eph.4:27).

"Faith comes from hearing and hearing by the word (rhema: spoken word) of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). So, ask Him to speak the truth He knows you need to hear, then "Take up the shield of faith.... to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one" (Eph.6:16). "Take the sword of the Spirit which is the word (rhema: spoken word) of God" (Eph.6:17). "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit...tempted...it is written" (Lu.4:1,2,4,8,10) - speaking what He heard from the Father (Jn.8:26).

"We are destroying speculations...raised up against the knowledge of God...taking every thought captive..." (2 Cor.10:5). Don't allow negative thoughts of God, self, or others to germinate. Meditate on Scripture, asking the Holy Spirit to quicken specific personal words to your

heart. Write these down. Declare them. Rejoice in them. Seize the moments (Josh. 1:8; Col.3:16).

Receiving living truth.

When we ask the Father for the truth our hearts need, to replace the lies we have renounced, it is important that we don't settle for less than living truth that ignites and fills our hearts. If we receive a familiar scripture or truth that does not touch our heart, there may be a blockage in us that we need to ask Him about. The Father's longing is that we will be able to receive at a heart level what He yearns to give us. He delights to give good gifts to His children. So to ask: "Father what else do You have for my heart?" until our hearts are filled, is His delight. Keep "tending your heart" until your heart is filled and you are able to really rejoice in what you have received from Him.

The enemy will question the validity of your freedom. Don't entertain his accusations but rejoice in and declare aloud God's character and His truth (James 4:7,8a; Ps. 103:8; Rom. 3:3,4a). Don't allow your feelings to deceive you.

Don't accept, but war against self-criticism, blaming, negativity, criticalness, cynicism, oversensitivity, putting feelings before faith, doubt, unbelief, selfishness, prayerlessness, passivity, restlessness (Gal.5:19-21,26).

Read, listen to the Spirit, take to heart, and obey

Scripture (Ps. 1:1-3; Ja. 1:22-25).

Declare living truths thankfully. Worship energetically from the heart (Rom. 10:9,10; Ps.145).

Pray, confident of His help (Is. 30:19; Ps. 34:4; Ps.33:20,21; Is.40:31; Rom. 8:32).

Give thanks in everything (1Thess. 5:18; Hab.3:17- 19).

Trust in God's power to help you make the right choices (Is.30:21; Is.41:10; Eph.6:10; Col. 1:27).

Expect increasing freedom. Move forward in faith (Philip.3:13,14; Is.64:4).

Keep turning to Jesus and He will transform you (Heb. 12:2,3; 2Cor. 3:16-18).

Share your life with Him. He wants to share His with you (Rev.3:20; Jn.6:35; Jn.7:37,38; Matt.11:28-30).

Tending Your Heart Lifestyle - As a Lifestyle

"Watch over (guard) your heart with all diligence for out of it flow the springs of life." (Prov. 4:23)

To walk in your healing, be attentive to your heart and take note of: disappointment, discouragement, fear, loneliness, worry, anxiety, lust, anger, hatred, or anything that moves you out of peace and rest throughout the day.

If we do not turn to Jesus and let Him meet our need, we will fill our hearts with something else.

Jesus: "Do not let your heart be troubled" ('distressed', 'agitated') (Jn. 14:1). We can choose!

When we are moved from that place of security and rest, turn your mind and heart to God and ask (aloud if possible):

"Father what is this really about?" (Ps. 139:23,24) Listen and don't discount what you receive. He may reveal: sin you need to repent of, a lie you are believing, someone you need to forgive, or a spirit you have given access to.

Recognize - honestly and humbly admit any lie or action you need to take. Forgive and bless others where necessary.

Renounce the lie (aloud if possible) and break off any partnership with the enemy.

Repent for partnering with the enemy in giving the lie authority. Ask forgiveness for any sinful reaction to your wound by self-protection, denial, self-comfort, et cetera - (or) any sin He reveals.

Receive!! (An empty heart invites attack (Matt.12:43-45). Fill it with living truth! (Rom. 10:17)) Ask what truths the Father has for your heart in exchange. If possible, journal them. Let them sink into and fill your heart. How?

Rejoice in what He has given you in exchange for the lie (aloud if possible)! Declare it over your life! Thank Him and worship! Ask for more!

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