

Hearing God's Voice

Exodus 15:26 (NASB 2020) And He said, "If you will listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and listen to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer."

I. Two transcending requirements

1.) If you listen

Exodus 19:5 (NASB 2020) Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;

*****Deuteronomy 7:12-14 (NASB 2020)** "Then it shall come about, **because you listen** to these judgments and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep His covenant with you and His faithfulness which He swore to your forefathers.

Jeremiah 7:22-23 (NASB 2020) For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them on the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people.

Psalms 40:6 (NASB 2020) You have not desired sacrifice and meal offering; You have opened my ears;

New Testament:

John 8:47 (NLT) Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God...

John 10:3-4 (NASB 2020) To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep listen to his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he puts all his own sheep outside, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:27 (NASB 2020) My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

Luke 11:28 (AMP) But He said, **Blessed (happy and to be envied) rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey and practice it!**

2.) If you obey

Jeremiah 7:22-23 (NASB 2020) For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them on the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. But this is what I commanded them, saying, '**Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people**

John 14:15 (NASB95) "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Romans 1:5 (AMP) It is through Him that we have received grace (God's unmerited favor) and [our] apostleship **to promote obedience to the faith** and make disciples for His name's sake among all the nations,

Jude 1:4 (NLT) I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives.

James 1:21-22 (TLB) So get rid of all that is wrong in your life, both inside and outside, and humbly be glad for the wonderful message we have received, for it is able to save our souls as it takes hold of our hearts. And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. So don't fool yourselves.

II. If you hear His voice, you are His!

John 10:27 (NASB 2020) My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

Hearing His voice is the distinguishing factor of His children!

1 John 2:5 (NASB 2020) ...whoever follows His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

*****1 Samuel 15:22 (NKJV)** So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

Heed: h7181. שָׁמַע qāṣaḇ; a primitive root; to prick up the ears, i.e. hearken: — attend, (cause to) hear(-ken); to hear, be attentive, heed, incline (of ears), attend (of ears), hearken, pay attention, listen

III. What Priority do you put on hearing?

Exodus 3:5 (NASB 2020) Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

*****Exodus 19:3 (NASB 2020)** And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "This is what you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel:

Numbers 7:89 (NASB 2020) Now when Moses entered the tent of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the atoning cover that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; so He spoke to him.

1 Kings 19:12-13 (NKJV) and after the fire a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him...

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT) So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Mark 4:24-25 (NLT) "Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more. To those who listen to My teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them."

Psalms 5:3 (NASB95) In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.

Psalms 62:5 (NASB95) My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him.

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV) But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Blessings for Listening and Obeying

Psalms 1:1-3 (NASB 2020) Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the Law of the LORD, And on His Law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.