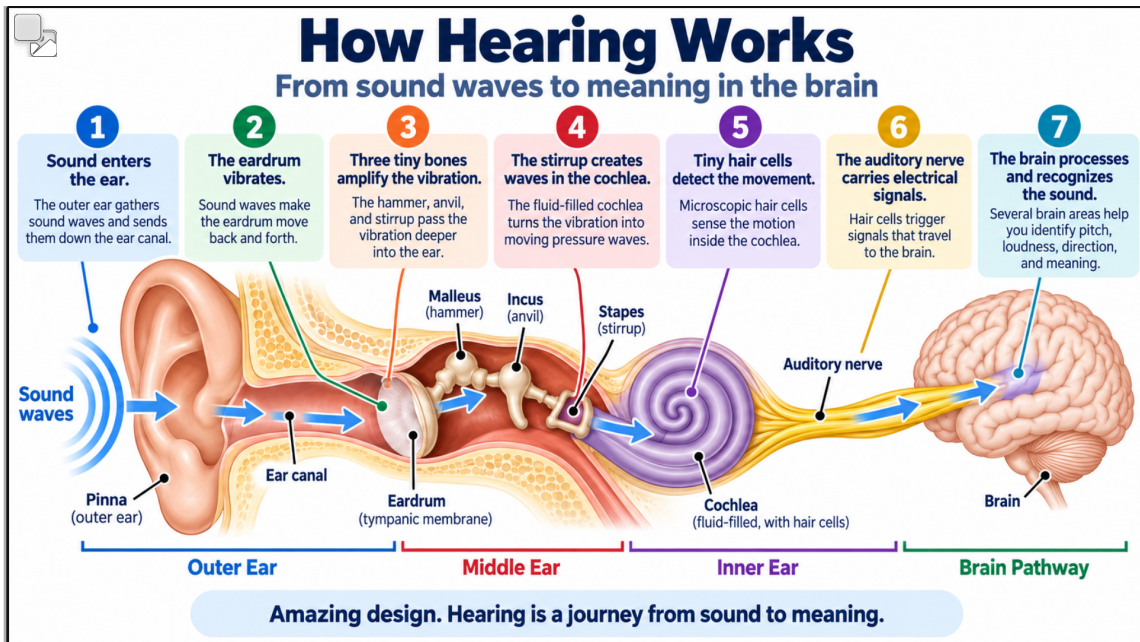


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The English translation of the word *listen* is used almost 1,000 times in the Scriptures.

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shema - שְׁמָע

“Listen”

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"Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart.

Deuteronomy 6v4-6 (CSB)

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“*Shema* serves to denote auditory perception in the most general sense and often has connotations of ‘to obey’ and ‘to understand’ that result from pure hearing.”
Gzella Holger

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ozen - אוֹזֶן

“Ear”

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The mind of the discerning acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks it.

Proverbs 18v15 (CSB)

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You do not delight in sacrifice and offering;
you open my ears to listen.

Psalms 40v6 (CSB)

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“[Listening] starts with a pierced ear...Genuine listening is ultimately an act of submission.”
Mark Batterson

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akouo - ἀκούω
“hear”

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"Let anyone who has ears to hear listen."

Mark 4v9 (CSB)

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ὕπακούω - obey
ἀκούω - listen

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He also said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket or under a bed? Isn't it to be put on a lampstand? For there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, and nothing concealed that will not be brought to light. If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen." And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear. By the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and more will be added to you. For whoever has, more will be given to him, and whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

Mark 4v21-25 (CSB)

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TRUE HEARING IS RECEIVING GOD'S
WORD PERSONALLY, INTERNALIZING IT,
AND ALLOWING IT TO BECOME
OPERATIVE IN YOUR LIFE.

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“Hearing is a deep listening, a listening of the whole person, a hearing with your ears and with your heart and with your arms and legs.”

Adam McHugh

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“My life is a listening. His is a speaking. My salvation is to hear and respond.”

Thomas Merton

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God speaks in relationship.

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“He is there, and He is not silent.”
Francis Schaeffer

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The hearing ear and the seeing eye - the LORD made
them both.

Proverbs 20v12 (CSB)

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So give your servant a receptive heart to judge your people and to discern between good and evil.

1 Kings 3v9 (CSB)

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"Man must not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4v4 (CSB)

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BIBLICAL LISTENING IS HEARING GOD WITH A
HEART READY TO RESPOND IN OBEDIENCE.

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Listening begins with responding to the gospel.

Listening continues by having an open heart to hear
and respond in obedience to Jesus.

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Pray:

“God, give me a listening and receptive heart.”

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What has God been saying that I need to hear?

What response have I been resisting?