



# Shema: HEART Work

HEARING GOD. GIVING ACCESS. EXPERIENCING TRANSFORMATION.



**DEUTERONOMY  
6:4-5**

“Shema Yisrael: Hear, O Israel:  
The LORD our God,  
the LORD is one.”



**PSALM  
95:7-8**

“Today, if you hear His voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”



**EZEKIEL  
36:26-27**

“I will give you a new heart...  
I will put My Spirit within you  
and cause you to walk in  
My statutes.”



**1 KINGS  
3:9**

“Give therefore Your servant  
a hearing heart...”

**A NEW HEART. A NEW SPIRIT. A NEW LIFE.** *Let Him In.*

# Last Week → This Week

## Last Week: Let the Church Say Amen

- OPEN THE DOOR TO CHRIST
- WELCOME HIS PRESENCE
- RESPOND TO HIS INVITATION

## This Week: What Happens After?

### *What happens after the door opens?*

- How do we recognize God's voice?
- How do we respond when He speaks?
- How does transformation begin?

WHAT IS SHEMA?

# Biblical Hearing Defined

S H E M A

HEAR

LISTEN

RECEIVE

RESPOND

**Biblical hearing is more than sound.**  
*It is hearing in a way that changes how you live.*

POWER POINT

*God does the transforming. Our responsibility is to hear.*

PSALM 95:1-7 (PARAPHRASED)

# Worship Must Lead to Listening

## The People:

Sing

Praise

Thank

Worship

Bow

Kneel



Then God says:

*“Today, if you hear  
My voice...”*

POWER POINT

*Worship reaches its fullness when we hear God speaking to us.*

PSALM 95:7 / JOHN 10:27

# Hearing Begins With Relationship

He is our God

We are His people

We are His sheep

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*My sheep know and follow My voice.*

Jesus — John 10:27

POWER POINT

*Hearing God's voice is not primarily a skill. It is a fruit of relationship.*

# Hearing Is More Than Listening

**Abraham**

*heard and moved*

**Moses**

*heard and returned*

**Samuel**

*heard and answered*

**Isaiah**

*heard and volunteered*

POWER POINT

*Hearing is not measured by what reaches the ear. Hearing is measured by what reaches the life.*

P S A L M 9 5 : 8

# The Real Hearing Problem

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*Do not harden your hearts.*

Psalm 95:8

**God did NOT say:**

✗ **Don't close your ears**

**God SAID:**

✓ **Don't harden your heart**

P O W E R P O I N T

*The ear hears God's voice. The heart decides what to do with it.*

# Signs to Watch For

- 1 Familiarity without transformation
- 2 Delayed obedience
- 3 Selective listening
- 4 Defensiveness toward correction
- 5 Distrust of God

P O W E R P O I N T

*The problem is often not information. The problem is trust.*

1 KINGS 3:9 (PARAPHRASED)

# Solomon's Request

He did NOT ask for:

✗ WEALTH

✗ POWER

✗ INFLUENCE

He asked for:

*A Hearing Heart*

POWER POINT

*Before God gives direction, He develops our capacity to receive direction.*

## HEART CHECK

# Closing Challenge

? What has God been saying that I've ignored?

? What area of my life has become resistant?

? What room of my heart have I closed to God?

**HEAR. OPEN. TRANSFORM.**

*The Christian life is learning to hear God's voice, open every room to His presence, and trust Him with the transformation.*