

# Worship – Spirit & Truth – Hearing

- *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the **true worshipers** will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**; for **the Father is seeking such to worship Him**. 24 God is Spirit, and **those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth**. Jn. 4:23-24*
- ***Guard your steps as you go to the house of God and draw near to hear** rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil. 2 For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. Ecc 5:1-2*

# Draw Near and Be Swift to Hear

- *So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. James 1:19-20*
- *Thus saith Jehovah, Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of house will ye build unto me? and what place shall be my rest? 2 For all these things hath my hand made, and (so) all these things came to be, saith Jehovah: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembleth at my word. Isa. 66:1-2*

# Taught to Listen from our Youth

- Parents trained us to listen.
- Teachers counseled us to listen carefully so we could learn.
- Listening to advice from coaches and counselors brought success.
- Listening to friends made us loyal.
- Listening to a boss made us indispensable
- Good Listeners are hard to find!
- But can we just come into worship and hear exactly the same way?

# An Evaluation

- Can we enter this part of our worship just doing what we did in school?
- Is listening when we come together as the church the same as at work, home, watching the news, listening to the radio?
- If we listen as intently as we do in all these other endeavors is that enough?

# The Pattern for Hearing

- *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*
- *22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. James 1:21-25*



# Acts of Worship

- **ONLY DURING WORSHIP:**

- Lord's Supper Singing Praying

- **DONE BEFORE WORSHIP**

- Give as prospered – Done before we arrive. Must come prepared to give what we have prospered.

- **DONE AFTER WORSHIP**

- Hearing – Must be done after ... No matter how attentive we are while here, God will not be pleased with that worship if it never results in any changes. The more changes after the sermon, the more pleased God will be with it.

# Hearing in Spirit and Truth

- *Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God, to hear all things that have been commanded thee of the Lord. Acts 10:33*
- *Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so. Acts 17:11*

# Attitudes Toward Hearing

- Dull of hearing. Heb 5:11-14
- All here to hear Acts 10:33
- Trembling at my word. Isa 66:1-2
- Let all the earth keep Silence Hab 2:20
- Draw near to hear Ecc 5:1
- Bereans more noble – searched Scriptures daily Acts 17:11
- Blessed those who hear and keep the word of God Lk 11:28



# Hearing That Insults God

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- *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 2 Tim 4:2-5*

# God Longs to See us Listening Intently

- *8 "Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen to Me! ... 11 "But My people would not heed My voice, And Israel would have none of Me. 12 So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, To walk in their own counsels. 13 "Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways! 14 I would soon subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries. Ps 81:8, 11-14*

# Hearing that is Insulting

- *As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, 'Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the Lord.' 31 So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain. 32 Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them. Ezek 33:30-33*

# Profitable Hearing

- *My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside. 12 I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food. Job 23:11-12*

# The Value of Hearing

- *The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward. Ps 19:7-11*

# The Consequences of Not Hearing

- *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. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king." 1 Sam 15:22-23*



# An Attitude to Bring

- *"But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him." Hab 2:20*
- *18 Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." Luke 8:18*