

Mt Lebanon Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal unto you that which he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Spiritual Senses – The Sense of Hearing

1 Kings 19: 11 – 12

The basis of any relationship is communication, and the most important characteristic of our communication is hearing. Now, the greatest relationship that we can have in our life is a relationship with God, which comes through his Son Christ Jesus. All of humanity was created to know God, and he never intended for our relationship with him to be a distant relationship, for we were created to have fellowship with God, therefore, we must listen and obey him completely. God wants us to hear his voice and follow him. Now, many believers will say that God has never spoken unto them, but God speaks to all, who by faith believing have accepted his saving grace, we just do not always hear him. So, we must ask ourselves, do we know how to listen to God, and how do we hear his voice. Listening through our natural sense of hearing is not the way to communicate with God, we must learn to listen to God by communicating with him through our spiritual sense of hearing.

Psalm 81: 8,....hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee....if thou wilt harken unto me....

The problem is not that we as believers do not know God, but is because we think that when God is speaking unto us that he is just merely requesting to communicate with us, so we think that we can either accept his request or ignore his request depending upon our liking, but in reality, when God speaks unto us it is not just a request, but it is a requirement, and one that we must adhere to if we want to experience the fulness of our relationship in him. It is critical to our life in Christ that we are actively listening to God, and not just listening, but through faith believing, we are responding to his instruction and commands. God calls unto each believer to closely hear him through his word, by prayer, and through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. This will help us to stay focused upon him all the while we are learning to hear what it is that God has to say.

1 Kings 19: 11 – 12,....and he said, go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord....and behold a great strong wind....break in pieces the rocks....but the Lord was not in the wind....after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake....after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire....after the fire a still small voice....when Elijah heard it....he....went out and stood....and, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, what doest thou hear....

Often time, as believers, we are waiting for the perfect condition to hear the Lord speak. This is kind of like Christians running from church to church looking for perfection, which, I might add, does not exist, and I will explain why it does not exist. It is because mankind is looking for perfection in the dramatic, extraordinary works of the manifestation of man and not of God. Yes, we might be hearing what we want to hear, because we are listening through our worldly, natural sense of hearing, but we will never find it satisfying, because it is not what we need to hear from God. We will only get what we need to hear from God, when we are listening through our spiritual sense of hearing, for it is only then that we are able to hear the truth of God word. As we begin to mature in our spiritual life in Christ, it is then that we will learn that God does not need to communicate with us through these dramatic events, for it is only the world that uses these events, to distract and confuse all those who will accept it, and if we will allow, then it will fill us with anxiety and worry, and deceive us to point that we will miss out on hearing the message of God.

Proverbs 1: 5,....a wise man will hear, and will increase learning, and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels....

Our sense of spiritual hearing helps us to transition from Godly wisdom to Godly understanding. This happens, when through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we come to know the wise teachings of the word of God, and we receive his instruction into knowledge, and we act wisely upon this Godly knowledge of Christ. Now, once, as believers, we began to gain wisdom, and increase in Godly knowledge, then it is our responsibility to pass it on. Seeking wisdom is not so that we can obtain spiritual status for ourselves, but it means obtaining a position where we can guide others into the direction of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding comes with the responsibility to live wisely, so that others might see the goodness of God's mercy and grace through us. These experiences which Christ has allowed, which we have earned, come at a great cost, is so that we might genuinely give an example of the grace and truth of Gods word.

Proverbs 19: 20,....hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end....

Mankind was created with one mouth and two ears, which suggest that hearing and listening is twice as important as speaking. Simply receiving instruction from God without acting upon it is useless. As believers, we must carefully consider the instruction of God and follow through with works that prepares us for our life in Christ, both now and in the time to come. Now, with this comes persecution and suffering, which is an action that shows unto others that we have carefully listened, and heeded, unto the teachings of Christ.

Proverbs 8: 32 – 36,....hearken unto me for blessed are they that keep my ways....hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not....blessed is the man that heareth....watching....waiting....whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord....he that sinneth....wrongeth his own soul....

As believers, as those who are to listen to God through his word, we will experience wisdom, because God's wisdom makes itself known unto those who are truly seeking after it. As believers, ought to follow the example which we have gladly received from Christ, and from the teachings of his word. If we hear and obey his word, then we will enjoy godly success while working for the glory of God, and it is for this reason that those who sincerely seek after the truth of Gods word are going to experience the joy that comes in showing unto others the love, grace, and mercy of God. In this, we will be able to see that hearing godly wisdom speak is beneficial to the lessons that we have learned.

Hebrews 3; 15,....today if you will hear my voice, harden not your hearts....

Hearing the voice of God begins with salvation, for God hears us first and foremost through salvation.

John 9: 31,....we know that God heareth not sinners, but if any man be a worshiper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth....

The significance of our relationship with God comes through hearing, which means listening attentively to Gods voice through the study of his word, and through prayer, for God is continually speaking unto us, therefore we must listen and respond. Hearing Gods voice through the indwelling Holy Spirit helps us to respond in faith and obedience, so that each day we might present ourselves a living sacrifice unto the perfect plan of God, always seizing the opportunity to eternally follow after his will. Therefore, we must learn to listen to God, by communicating with him through our spiritual sense of hearing.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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