

Taking Time To Hear

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HEED	LAW	INTELLIGENTLY
COUNSEL	RECEIVE	INCLINE
EAR	UNDERSTAND	HARDENING
HEART	REDEEM	UNFAITHFUL
TIME	TROUBLE	BROKEN
TOOTH	CONFIDENCE	READ
TRIALS	THIEF	NIGHT

Notes

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Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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Meeting Location

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Nation's Decline in Moral Conduct VIII

Our recent articles have been devoted to the fifteenth Psalm and the questions David asked of Jehovah, namely, "Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?"

As David answered these questions, he dealt with two views: 1) Negatively, i.e., characteristics an individual should not have, and 2) Positively, i.e., characteristics an individual should have.

We have thus far dealt with five negatives and will now direct our attention to the "positive" nature of those who seek to "sojourn in the tabernacle," or "dwell in the holy hill."

The first of these: "He that walketh uprightly and works righteousness." That which we are to work is righteousness. Righteousness is God's standard, God's pattern. Continued, Pg. 2

To “walk” denotes a manner of life, to do so “uprightly” is to do so perfectly, that which is complete in all its parts

When considering man’s condition before God, we are told “that God made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.” It is the result of the “many inventions” that separates man from God. On the other hand, the Psalmist identifies that giving attention to, and following, God’s pattern of conduct will achieve a status of walking uprightly, saying, “Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, Who walk in the law of Jehovah. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, that seek him with the whole heart. Yea, they do no unrighteousness; they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us thy precepts, that we should observe them diligently. Oh that my ways were established to observe thy statutes! Then shall I not be put to shame, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart, when I learn thy righteous judgments. I will observe thy statutes: Oh forsake me not utterly” (Psalms 119:1-8).

This life is filled with trials and tribulations, but we need not lose hope, for the Apostle Peter “opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him.”

Walking uprightly and working righteousness is a choice we can make. Do we seek to sojourn in Jehovah’s tabernacle, to dwell in His holy hill?

Each of us have choices to make, as Joshua said, “if it seem evil unto you to serve Jehovah, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah” (Joshua 24:15). What choice will you make? ret

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Lk. 8:18

I. The Importance of Hearing:

- A. Matt. 13:13, 15 – “hearing they hear not”
- B. Mk. 4:24; Lk. 8:18 – “Take heed what ye hear:”
- C. Prov. 28:9 – “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law”

II. Proper Hearing Requires Action:

- A. Mal. 2:2 – “to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.)”
- B. Prov. 4:10 – listen, embrace, and not reject
- C. Prov. 4:1 – “hear...and attend to know”
- D. Prov. 19:20 – “hear counsel, and receive”
- E. Prov. 22:17 – “Incline thine ear”
- F. Matt. 15:10 – “hear, and understand...”

III. Hearing Will Generate One of Two Responses:

- A. Lk. 6:47 – Rev. 1:3 – keeping of what is heard and/or read
- B. Lk. 6:49; Heb. 3:7-8; Exod. 5:2 – “a hardening of the heart”

IV. Need to Redeem the Time:

- A. Eph. 5:15-17 – Redeem and understand.
- B. Matt. 13:19 – “heareth and not understand”
- C. Matt. 13:23 – “hear and understand”

V. Time is Short:

- A. Do not be this guy! Matt. 25:13; 1 Thess. 5:1-3; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15 – come as a thief
 - B. 2 Cor. 6:2 – “now is the day of salvation”
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Solomon Says

Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble Is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

Prov. 25:19