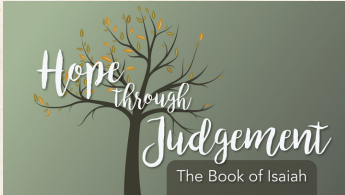


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Message Info

Title:

Listen to the Lord

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Scriptures:

Isaiah 48

Theme: When we listen to the Lord our peace flows like a river.

Introduction: The Bible makes a positive connection between hearing and obedience: to listen is to do. James 1:22-25 is one, well-known example, linking our being “hearers” with being “doers” of the word. God calls his people to listen unto obedience.

This chapter shows 8 aspects of listening to the Lord as his people:

1. Listen instead of rebelling (1-5)

When Israel turned to idols, they still formally worshipped the Lord. But their worship was not true. They gave their idols credit for what the Lord had done.

Their stubbornness (‘foreheads like brass’) testified to their hard-heartedness.

2. Listen to the One who has done the impossible (6-8)

The Lord promises to do the impossible—to bring his people back, intact, after the exile. And if he can do that, he can save them in any and every way.

3. Listen to him to whom all glory is due (9-11)

God is committed to his own glory, because he is most glorious. And if he does not receive the glory he is due, then everything else is a lie.

4. Listen to the Creator (12-13)

We are creatures of the Creator; therefore, we belong to him, without exception. So we must listen to him in all things and in every way.

5. Listen to the revealer (14-17)

The Lord gives his people a behind-the-scenes look at his purposes in history.

He is not hiding himself, his will, or his salvation from us. We must listen to him.

6. Listen to the one who laments (18-19)

Because Israel hadn’t listened, they knew no peace. They were unrighteous and rejected God’s word.

However, if they would begin to listen there was a promise of restoration.

7. Listen to the Redeemer (20-21)

God will not leave his people to languish. Just like the Exodus, he will provide for and sustain them as they turn to him.

8. Listen to the warning (22)

“There is no peace,” say the LORD, “for the wicked.”

Questions:

1. Are you listening to (and thus, obeying) the Lord?

2. Where do you lack peace in your life? What is unsettled?

3. What does the Lord say to you in his word?