

Listening to God



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The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

(Isaiah 50:4–5, NRSV)

2

Listen carefully to me . . .
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

(Isaiah 55:2–3, NRSV)

3

In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

(Psalm 81:7–8, NRSV)

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After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among
the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
(Luke 2:46, NRSV)

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One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
(Matthew 4:4, NRSV)



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The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand." With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.

(Matthew 13:13–16, NRSV)

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Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10, NRSV)

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Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me. (Luke 10:16, NRSV)

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You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak. (James 1:19, NRSV)

10

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1, NRSV)