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“And 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 listen than the fat of rams.” 1 Samuel 15:22

Jesus placed great importance on listening. He said we must take heed how we hear. In Mark 4:23-24, He said, **“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear”** and **“Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you.”**

Even in Revelation 2 and 3 Jesus said, **“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”**

Jesus is inviting us to listen, to take note and ponder His words, and also to respond! He promises that more revelation will be given us when we hear with an attentive, willing heart!

He cautioned us to take care what we listen to. Are we listening to the voice of His Spirit, or our own rehearsed opinions? Philippians 4:8 instructs us to fill our minds with truth – thoughts that are honourable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent and worthy of praise, thoughts that align with His way of thinking. May we silence our own mouths and minds, quieten our souls, and hear Him. May we then pay attention and DO what He says.

Think on this

What are you listening to? **Are you leaning in to listen to God’s Spirit? Are you meditating on His Word and paying attention to what He is saying to you, to do it?**

Prayer

Father, forgive me for following my own ways so often. Help me to silence my mind, meditate on your truths and align my thinking to Yours. Help me to hear Your voice and follow You. Lead me by Your Spirit, in your light and truth. May Your name be glorified as my life bears fruit for Your kingdom, **in Jesus’ name. Amen.**