

## **Stop, Look, Listen**

Psalm 81:13

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Our great need in 2008: “Oh that My people would listen to Me.” We need to stop, “Cease striving and know that I am God”, and really listen. This is God’s great desire for us and it will bring great blessing. We must realize Satan does not want us really listening to God so expect resistance. We can cultivate daily listening habits.

1. A. Read Psalm 81. What do you observe from this text? Re-read verses 8-13.  
What is the repeated exhortation?  
  
B. What are the results of hearing and listening?  
Psalm 81:10, 14, 16, Romans 10:13
  
2. A. What is God’s great desire?  
John 5:24, Mark 4:3, 9  
  
B. Look back at Mark 4:3-9. What is the parable about?  
  
C. What is the interpretation of this parable?  
Mark 4:13-20
  
3. A. What are some of the observable results of listening?  
Deuteronomy 4:1-12, Psalm 81:10, Mark 4:20, John 15:7

B. What does it mean to have “My words abide in you”?  
Deuteronomy 30:14, John 6:63, 17:7-8, 14, 17

C. What happens when God’s word is applied to your life? How does God liberate your life?  
Deuteronomy 6:3-9, Psalm 119:9-11, 97, Psalm 128:1-4, John 8:31-36

4. A. Who does not want you listening to God? Where or what does he attack?  
Genesis 3:1-5

B. “God had spoken: man started a conversation.” What does this statement about Genesis 3 mean?

C. What is our application? Listen! “Thus says the Lord” is repeated 419 times in the Bible. Shama (hear, hears, heard, understand, listen, listened, heed, gave heed, given heed, given earnest heed, pay heed, obey, truly obey) is repeated 1,169 times! 12 times Jesus exhorted: “Have you not read?” or “Have you never read?” or “Have you not even read?”  
How did Jesus respond to Satan’s temptations? How did Jesus then start His ministry?  
Luke 4:4, 8, 12, 16-21

Cultivate daily listening habits. Read through the Bible, study one book, memorize scripture, observe, interpret and apply the word. Whatever you do, remember God’s central exhortation: “Oh that My people would listen to Me.”