

~LISTENING (550)

[English, paying attention, accepting counsel, eavesdropping, taking note, listening in, snooping]

- Sarah was **listening** at the tent entrance to the conversation of Abraham with Yehowah God's angels.
- So he continued; I am surely going to return to you next year at this time, and, look! Sarah your wife will have a son. Now Sarah was **listening** at the tent entrance, and it was behind the man. (**Genesis 18:10**)
- Rebekah was **listening** while Isaac spoke to Esau about gaining the blessing.
- However, Rebekah was **listening** while Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went on out into the field to hunt game and to bring it in. (**Genesis 27:5**)
- Joseph's brothers did not know that he was **listening** to them for he normally spoke to them through an interpreter.
- As for them, they did not know that Joseph was **listening**, because there was an interpreter between them. (**Genesis 42:23**)
- Yehowah God was **listening** to the complaints of Miriam and Aaron and all the people against Moses his servant.
- And they kept saying; Is it just by Moses alone that Yehowah has spoken? Is it not by us also that he has spoken? And Yehowah was **listening**. (**Numbers 12:2**)
- Israel was told that if they kept **listening** to the commandments of their God and his judicial decisions, that he would keep his covenant toward them.
- And it must occur that, because you continue **listening** to these judicial decisions and you do keep them and do carry them out, Yehowah your God must keep toward you the covenant and the loving-kindness about which he swore to your forefathers. (**Deuteronomy 7:12**)

- Any man behaving with presumptuousness by not **listening** to Yehowah God's priest was to die.
- And the man who will behave with presumptuousness in not **listening** to the priest who is standing to minister there to Yehowah your God or to the judge, that man must die, and you must clear out what is bad from Israel. (**Deuteronomy 17:12**)
- A stubborn son not **listening** to his parents nor obeying their commands was to be stoned to death, after taking him before the older men of their city.
- In case a man happens to have a son who is stubborn and rebellious, he not **listening** to the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and they have corrected him but he will not listen to them. (**Deuteronomy 21:18**)
- And they must say to the older men of his city, this son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He is not **listening** to our voice, being a glutton and a drunkard. (**Deuteronomy 21:20**)
- The Law Covenant put forth many maledictions for not **listening** to the voice of Yehowah God, and many blessings for **listening**.
- And all these blessings must come upon you and overtake you, because you keep **listening** to the voice of Yehowah your God. (**Deuteronomy 28:2**)
- By loving Yehowah your God, by **listening** to his voice and by sticking to him, for he is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell upon the ground that Yehowah swore to your forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give to them. (**Deuteronomy 30:20**)
- Eli told young Samuel to tell the voice he heard, that he was **listening** and to proceed.
- Consequently Eli said to Samuel; Go, lie down, and it must occur that, if he should call you, you must say; Speak, Yehowah, for your servant is **listening**. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. (**1 Samuel 3:9**)
- Then Yehowah came and took his position and called as at the other times; Samuel, Samuel! At this Samuel said; Speak, for

your servant is **listening**. (1 Samuel 3:10)

- Jonathan had not been **listening** when his father Saul put the people under oath.
- As for Jonathan, he had not been **listening** when his father put the people under an oath, so he stretched out the tip of the rod that was in his hand and dipped it into the honeycomb and drew his hand back to his mouth, and his eyes began to beam. (1 Samuel 14:27)
- When Joab was asked to **listen** by a slave girl he said that he was **listening**.
- So he went near to her, and the woman then said; Are you Joab? To which he said; I am. At this she said to him; Listen to the words of your slave girl. In turn he said; I am **listening**. (2 Samuel 20:17)
- Solomon asked Yehowah God in his temple dedication prayer to keep **listening** to the requests of his people Israel.
- That your eyes may prove to be opened to the request for favor of your servant and to the request for favor of your people Israel, by **listening** to them in all for which they call to you. (1 Kings 8:52)
- And you must turn toward the prayer of your servant and to his request for favor, O Yehowah my God, by **listening** to the entreating cry and to the prayer with which your servant is praying before you. (2 Chronicles 6:19)
- That your eyes may prove to be opened toward this house day and night, toward the place where you said you would put your name, by **listening** to the prayer with which your servant prays toward this place. (2 Chronicles 6:20)
- The Queen of Sheba pronounced Solomon's household happy for **listening** to his fine counsel.
- Happy are your men. Happy are these servants of yours who are standing before you constantly, **listening** to your wisdom! (1 Kings 10:8)

- Happy are your men, and happy are these servants of yours who are standing before you constantly and **listening** to your wisdom. (2 Chronicles 9:7)
- Job showed that it would be fine to have someone **listening** to him, and that Yehowah God would answer him.
- O that I had someone **listening** to me, that according to my signature the Almighty himself would answer me! Or that the individual in the case at Law with me had written a document itself! (Job 31:35)
- The Psalmist showed that his enemies bubble forth words for their words are like swords, for none of them are **listening**.

Look! They make a bubbling forth with their mouth, swords are on their lips, for who is **listening**? (Psalms 59:7)
- Yehowah God is **listening** to the requests of the poor ones, and will not despise his very own prisoners.
- For Yehowah is **listening** to the poor ones, and he will indeed not despise his very own prisoners. (Psalms 69:33)
- Yehowah pleads that, O that his people were **listening** to his voice, and that Israel would actually walk in his ways.
- O that my people were **listening** to me, O that Israel itself would walk in my very ways! (Psalms 81:13)
- The Psalmist calls for the angels of Yehowah God to bless him, by **listening** to his voice.
- Bless Yehowah, O you angels of his, mighty in power, carrying out his word, by **listening** to the voice of his word. (Psalms 103:20)
- The one **listening** to Yehowah God will reside in security.
- As for the one **listening** to me, he will reside in security and be undisturbed from dread of calamity. (Proverbs 1:33)
- Happy is the man **listening** to Yehowah God, keeping awake at his doors day by day.

- Happy is the man that is **listening** to me by keeping awake at my doors day by day, by watching at the posts of my entrances. (**Proverbs 8:34**)
- A foolish man views all his ways as upright, but the man **listening** to counsel is wise.
- The way of the foolish one is right in his own eyes, but the one **listening** to counsel is wise. (**Proverbs 12:15**)
- The ear that is **listening** to the counsel of wise people, finds good company among them.
- The ear that is **listening** to the reproof of life lodges right in among wise people. (**Proverbs 15:31**)
- The one **listening** to reproof is acquiring heart.
- Anyone shunning discipline is rejecting his own soul, but the one **listening** to reproof is acquiring heart. (**Proverbs 15:32**)
- A lying witness will perish, but the man that it **listening** will speak even forever.
- A lying witness will perish, but the man that is **listening** will speak even forever. (**Proverbs 21:28**)
- The one that is **listening** may not be put to shame.
- That the one **listening** may not put you to shame and the bad report by you can have no recall. (**Proverbs 25:10**)
- Spreading out their palms to heaven is just for show when the heart is closed to change. All that Yehowah sees are bloodstained hands and unrepentant hearts still bent on exploitation and wickedness. Yehowah God is not **listening** to any such ones.
- And when you spread out your palms, I hide my eyes from you. Even though you make many prayers, I am not **listening**, with bloodshed your very hands have become filled. (**Isaiah 1:15**)
- Yehowah has selected **one** whom he approves of, to do his will. The Son of Man is his choice, because he walks in righteousness and

speaks what is true. He rejects defrauding and bribery, and rejects the bloodguilty course of his **brothers**. He closes his eyes in prayer, rather than to look at all of the badness around him. He has walked a course true to the Bible and close to God's **spirit**, and will not deviate from it.

- There is one who is walking in continual righteousness and speaking what is upright, who is rejecting the unjust gain from frauds, who is shaking his hands clear from taking hold on a bribe, who is stopping up his ear from **listening** to bloodshed, and who is closing his eyes so as not to see what is bad. (**Isaiah 33:15**)
- Yehowah's servants, realizing that his words may influence some weaker ones, ask Rabshakeh to speak only in the Syrian language, which they understand, but the people on the wall do not speak Syrian.
- At this Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh; Speak, please, to your servants in the Syrian language, for we are **listening**, and do not speak to us in the Jews language in the ears of the people that are on the wall. (**Isaiah 36:11**)
- The Bible is a rich resource which tells a complex story, one, which leads continually closer and closer to Yehowah. Life is not just a case of doing certain things to get salvation. We must keep our spiritual eyes and ears continually open, always looking for and appreciating any new understanding, **listening** closely to God. We must draw close to our heavenly father Yehowah by becoming like him spiritually, loving his way!
- It was a case of seeing many things, but you did not keep watching. It was a case of opening the ears, but you did not keep **listening**. (**Isaiah 42:20**)
- Do you read, hear and understand the scriptural matters that are being discussed here? Are you **listening** to the clear voice of God's servant, the Son of Man who walks in **continual darkness**.
- Who among you people is in fear of Yehowah, **listening** to the voice of his servant, who has walked in continual darkness and for whom there has been no brightness? Let him trust in the name of Yehowah and support himself upon his God. (**Isaiah 50:10**)

- There comes a point in time when Yehowah closes off approach to his person, and then he takes action, he stops **listening** to his many pleas.
- And as for you, do not pray in behalf of this people, neither raise in their behalf an entreating cry or a prayer nor beseech me, for I shall not be **listening** to you. (**Jeremiah 7:16**)
- Yehowah is a forgiving and a merciful God, where there is basis for such forgiveness. Yet there was not even one man among Jerusalem's leaders with the courage to stand in the **gap**, and to turn back their wicked course. Yehowah God kept **listening** and paying attention but there was no one within Jerusalem repenting of their badness.
- I have paid attention, and I kept **listening**. It was not right the way they kept speaking. There was not a man repenting over his badness, saying; What have I done? Each one is going back into the popular course, like a horse that is dashing into the battle. (**Jeremiah 8:6**)
- Yehowah always repays people in kind, and so when people refuse to **listen** to him, he likewise stops **listening** to their prayers and answering them. (**Revelation 8:5**)
- And as for you, do not pray in behalf of this people, and do not lift up in their behalf an entreating cry or a prayer, for I shall not be **listening** in the time of their calling out to me in regard to their calamity. (**Jeremiah 11:14**)
- **Just making sacrifices, like going out in field service** is unacceptable to Yehowah, when the people making these sacrifices do not walk in Yehowah's true way. Jehovah's Witnesses know, that a new Bible student must first clean up his or her life before going out in service, as wrong conduct can defile their work. This privilege can also be lost by individuals, and by the entire organization, for failure to live up to the truth.
- When they fast, I am not **listening** to their entreating cry, and when they offer up the whole burnt offering and the grain offering, I am taking no pleasure in them, for by the sword and by famine and by pestilence I am bringing them to their end. (**Jeremiah 14:12**)

- Jeremiah was a priest, and he had every right to come into Yehowah's temple, and deliver his words. Likewise today, the Son of Man is an anointed Son of God, and has every right to enter the temple, and there deliver Yehowah's word with boldness. For certain men of their Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses to try and silence the Son of Man, and punish him for speaking God's word to them is wrong. To call him an apostate for speaking Yehowah's word, is to reject Yehowah entirely.

- Now Pashhur the son of Immer, the priest, who was also the leading commissioner in the house of Yehowah, kept **listening** to Jeremiah while prophesying these words. (**Jeremiah 20:1**)

- Yehowah always gives direction to his people before events arrive, thus **rising up early**, **so that his people will know what his will is and will clearly see the path of faith to follow**. He thus sends prophets, men who are not appointed to office by other men, but men chosen directly by God and empowered by him. These prophets, have to a man, been rejected and not **listened** to by God's people in the time period in which they spoke.

- By **listening** to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I am sending to you, even rising up early and sending them, whom you have not listened to. (**Jeremiah 26:5**)

- Yehowah continually, throughout this long history of Israel and Judah, sent prophets to them to teach them a good way, one of obedience and loyalty to God, and to divine principles. Yet they openly rebelled, turned to him the back of the neck and not the face, and refused to accept his discipline. What else could he do except bring them to ruin, for not **listening** to his words. They deserved it! Will those, who have done the same things today, fare any differently?

- And they kept turning to me the back and not the face, though there was a teaching of them, a rising up early and teaching, but there were none of them **listening** to receive discipline. (**Jeremiah 32:33**)

- Then they went about their business, and felt no dread, because of the words of Yehowah through Jeremiah. They expressed no fear of Yehowah, and pushed his words behind them, not **listening**.

- And they felt no dread, neither did the king and all his servants, who were **listening** to all these words, rip their garments apart.

(Jeremiah 36:24)

- One and all the people told Jeremiah that they were not going to **listen** to him and therefore to Yehowah.
- As regards the word that you have spoken to us in the name of Yehowah, we are not **listening** to you. **(Jeremiah 44:16)**
- Yehowah does not want the worship of men who worship other men and who kiss up to other men to gain power, prominence and prestige. He says to all of them; Go serve your own dungy idols. Yehowah knows what every man's true motivation is before he ever acts.
- Men who kiss up to other men to get ahead would just do the same to him. God is not one to be mocked but he always knows our hearts. However, if these men fail to **listen** to him then he will put an end to them and stop them from profaning his name, by their gifts to and idol worship of mere men.
- And you, O house of Israel, this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Go serve each one of you his own dungy idols. And afterward if you are not **listening** to me, then my holy name you will no more profane by your gifts and by your dungy idols. **(Ezekiel 20:39)**
- Then Yehowah shows, that in his New Order, those in fear of Yehowah will speak with one another, each one with his companion, and Yehowah God will pay attention and **listening** to their speaking. Then a book of remembrance will be compiled by Yehowah God, of all those who are in fear of him, and of all those thinking affectionately upon his glorious name.
- At that time those in fear of Yehowah spoke with one another, each one with his companion, and Yehowah kept paying attention and **listening**. And a book of remembrance began to be written up before him for those in fear of Yehowah and for those thinking upon his name. **(Malachi 3:16)**
- When the Sabbath arrived he entered into the local synagogue where he had been reared and started to teach there. The majority of the people there were simply astounded by his teachings that they were **listening** to. They wondered aloud; Where did this man get these

things? Others asked; Why should this man be given this wisdom and all these powerful works? And so they were in a quandary over him.

- When it became Sabbath, he started teaching in the synagogue, and the greater number of those **listening** were astounded and said; Where did this man get these things? And why should this wisdom have been given this man, and such powerful works be performed through his hands? (**Mark 6:2**)
- So he said to the tree, that no more fruit should come forth from it forever. Now his disciples were **listening** to him as he did this.
- So, in response, he said to it; Let no one eat fruit from you anymore forever. And his disciples were **listening**. (**Mark 11:14**)
- So Jesus showed his listeners, that David called him Lord, so then how does it come to be, that he is his son? Well when the crowds heard this they were feeling pleasure over **listening** to his words, for he understood things about the Bible, others failed to comprehend.
- David himself calls him Lord, but how does it come that he is his son? And the great crowd was **listening** to him with pleasure. (**Mark 12:37**)
- So after returning another day's journey back to Jerusalem, they went looking for him and found him on the third day that they had been separated. They then found him in the temple, sitting amidst the teachers there. He was **listening** to them, and questioning them about their teaching.
- Well, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers and **listening** to them and questioning them. (**Luke 2:46**)
- Yet all of those **listening** to him, were in constant amazement at his answers, and the degree of understanding he demonstrated, though still a young boy.
- But all those **listening** to him were in constant amazement at his understanding and his answers. (**Luke 2:47**)
- On another occasion there was a large crowd pressing in on him, as he was near the shore line of the lake of Gennesaret, preaching and teaching there, while they were **listening** intently.

- On an occasion when the crowd was pressing close upon him and **listening** to the word of God, he was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret. (Luke 5:1)
- Jesus however told the ones **listening** to him to continue to love their enemies, and to do acts of goodness toward those hating them. This would be in imitation of their heavenly father Yehowah God.
- But I say to you who are **listening**, continue to love your enemies, to do good to those hating you. (Luke 6:27)
- This woman had a sister named Mary, and Mary was engrossed in listening to Jesus teach, and she sat down at his feet **listening** intently to all he said.
- This woman also had a sister called Mary, who, however, sat down at the feet of the Lord and kept **listening** to his word. (Luke 10:39)
- Now the Pharisees, who loved money, were in fact **listening** to him speak these things and they began to sneer at him for saying them. No doubt many people today would likewise sneer, saying that this way of life is impossible, yet with God all things are possible to one who has faith.
- Now the Pharisees, who were money lovers, were **listening** to all these things, and they began to sneer at him. (Luke 16:14)
- So while he was there and they were **listening**, he also spoke an illustration, because they were now quite near to Jerusalem, and many of his disciples thought within themselves, that the Kingdom of God was going to display itself at any moment to them. Really who would have not thought, so upon seeing all of the things that they were witnessing.
- While they were **listening** to these things he spoke in addition an illustration, because he was near Jerusalem and they were imagining that the kingdom of God was going to display itself instantly. (Luke 19:11)
- Then while all the people were **listening** to him, he said to his own disciples.

- Then, while all the people were **listening** he said to the disciples. (Luke 20:45)
- This man was **listening** intently to Paul speech, and so Paul after looking at him, saw that he had the faith to be made well. Clearly men who exercise no faith in Yehowah God, get nothing in return, for true faith is a requirement for healing, indeed, it is a requirement for all things.
- This man was **listening** to Paul speak, who, on looking at him intently and seeing he had faith to be made well. (Acts of Apostles 14:9)
- There they met a certain woman named Lydia, whose business was the selling of purple. Lydia sold purple, either the dye or garments and fabrics colored with the dye. It appears, that she was the head of her household, this could have included slaves and servants, and therefore, she was possibly widowed or single.
- She was from Thyatira, and she was a worshiper of the true God, Yehowah. As Paul and the others spoke, she was **listening** carefully to what they said, and Yehowah God opened her heart wide, to pay close attention to the things being spoken.
- And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira and a worshiper of God, was **listening**, and Yehowah opened her heart wide to pay attention to the things being spoken by Paul. (Acts of Apostles 16:14)
- It was common then for all the residents of Athens and any foreigners visiting there, to spend some of their leisure time at simply telling something, or **listening** to something new.
- In fact, all Athenians and the foreigners sojourning there would spend their leisure time at nothing but telling something or **listening** to something new. (Acts of Apostles 17:21)
- So the crowd kept **listening** to him up to this point, at which time they raised their voices crying out; Take such a man away from the earth, for he is not fit to live!
- Now they kept **listening** to him down to this word, and they raised their voices, saying; Take such a man away from the earth, for he was not fit to live! (Acts of Apostles 22:22)

- Paul now charges Timothy to keep reminding them of these things, and charging them, with God as their witness, not to be fighting about words among themselves. This is a waste of time, and it tends to overturn those who engage in it and those **listening**, causing them to fall away.
- Keep reminding them of these things, charging them before God as witness, not to fight about words, a thing of no usefulness at all because it overturns those **listening**. (2 Timothy 2:14)