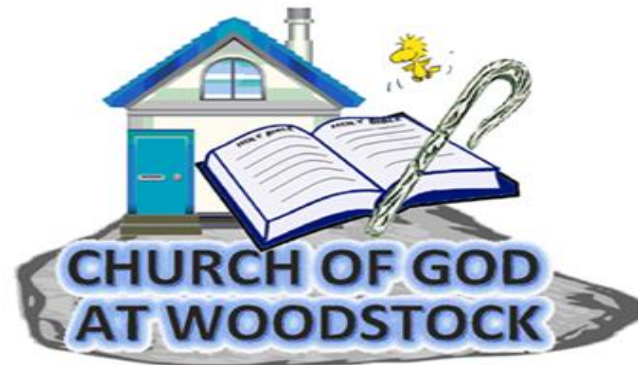


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THY WORD IS TRUTH



JOHN 17:17



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EPH 6:17 AND TAKE...THE SWORD OF THE
SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

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Having Ears To Hear

PART ONE OF TWO

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Genesis 22:15-18 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

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Genesis 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

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Exodus 20:18-19 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, **Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.**

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Numbers 14:21-23 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have **not hearkened to my voice**; Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

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Hebrews 3: ⁷ Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day **if ye will hear his voice,** ⁸ **Harden not your hearts,** as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: ⁹ When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. ¹⁰ Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, **They do alway err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways.** ¹¹ So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) ¹² Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you **an evil heart of unbelief,** in departing from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

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Hebrews 3: ¹⁴ For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; ¹⁵ While it is said, To day **if ye will hear his voice**, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

¹⁶ For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. ¹⁷ But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? ¹⁹ So we see that **they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

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Deuteronomy 26:17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, **and to hearken unto his voice:**

Psalms 81:11-13 But **my people would not hearken to my voice;** and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels. **Oh that my people had hearkened unto me,** and Israel had walked in my ways!

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Jeremiah 7:23-26 **But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people:** and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. **But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear**, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their **evil heart**, and went backward, and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day **I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets**, daily rising up early and sending them: **Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear**, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

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VISIONS

Habakkuk 2:1-3 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, **and will watch to see what he will say unto me**, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. And **the LORD answered me**, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For **the vision** is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

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DREAMS

Genesis 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou *art but* a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she *is* a man's wife.

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DREAMS

Genesis 41:15-16 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* thou canst **understand a dream to interpret it.** And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, ***It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.***

Genesis 41:25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one: **God hath shewed** Pharaoh what he *is* about to do. **Genesis 41:32** And for that **the dream was doubled** unto Pharaoh **twice; *it is*** because the thing *is* established by God, and **God will shortly bring it to pass.**

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DOUBLE TAKE: DREAMS & VISIONS

Job 33:14-17 For **God speaketh once, yea twice,** *yet man* perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, That he may withdraw man *from his* purpose, and hide pride from man.

Psalms 62:11 **God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this;** that power *belongeth* unto God.

Dreams and Visions were sometimes given for instructing heathens like Abimelech, [**Ge** 20:6] Laban, [**Ge** 31:24] Pharaoh, [**Ge** 41:1] and Nebuchadnezzar, [**Da** 4:5] and also given to saints like Abraham, [**Ge** 15:12] Jacob, [**Ge** 31:10] Joseph, [**Ge** 37:5] Eliphaz, [**Job** 4:13] and Joseph the husband of Mary, [**Mt** 1:20] is explicitly declared in Scripture.

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PROPHETS

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Numbers 12:6 And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, / the LORD will make myself known unto him in a **vision**, *and* will speak unto him in a **dream**.

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PROPHETS

Numbers 12:7-9 My servant Moses *is* not so, who *is* faithful in all mine house. **With him will I speak mouth to mouth**, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

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FALSE (LYING) PROPHETS

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, **How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?** When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

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Hearing God's Voice in the Old Testament:

- In the Old Testament God communicates in many different ways. This is not a complete list but gives many different examples.
- 1. Genesis 1 - 2
- God spoke in creation, showing the power of the spoken word. He commanded Adam in relation to his role and responsibilities.
- 2. Genesis 3
- God was heard by Adam and Eve and conversed with them after their disobedience.
- 3. Genesis 22 v. 1
- Spoke to Abraham giving instructions
- 4. Genesis 24 v. 12 - 14, 26 - 27
- Answered prayer, guidance
- 5. Genesis 37 v. 5,9
- Through dreams
- 6. Genesis 41v. 1-4, 16, 25-28
- Giving the interpretation of dreams
- 7. Genesis 46 v. 2
- Gave Israel a vision at night
- 8. Exodus 3 v. 2 - 6
- By the Angel of the Lord, through the burning bush, God spoke to Moses.
- 9. Exodus 4 v. 14 - 16
- God put his words in Aaron's mouth and gave Moses a staff by which he could perform miraculous signs.

10. Exodus 19 v. 16 - 19

By smoke, trumpet, earthquake, voice

11. Exodus 24 v. 4

Dictated to Moses

12. Exodus 25 v. 9

Showed Moses the design for the tabernacle.

13. Exodus 31 v. 18, 32 v. 16

God's finger wrote on the tablets of stone

14. Numbers 12 v. 6 - 8

Through visions, dreams, face to face to Moses

15. Numbers 22 v. 28

Through a donkey speaking

16. Deuteronomy 4 v. 12

Out of the fire they heard words, a voice

17. Joshua 5 v. 13 - 15

Through a man, the commander of the Lord's armies

18. Job 33 v. 14 - 15

Various ways, dream, vision of the night

19. Job 40 v. 6

God spoke out of the storm

20. Psalm 19 v. 1

The heavens declare the glory of God

21. 1 Kings 19 v. 9 -13

God spoke in a gentle whisper

22. 2 Kings 5 v. 8 - 10

The prophet sent a messenger

23. 2 Kings 22 v. 10 - 16

By the book of the law, and a prophetess

24. 2 Chronicles 24 v. 19 - 21

Through prophets

25. Isaiah 20 v. 2 - 3

By prophetic action

26. Isaiah 45 v. 1-7 cf. Ezra 1 v. 1

To a pagan king for the blessing of his people

27. Jeremiah 50 v. 1

Through Jeremiah, the prophet

28. Daniel 2 v. 27 - 28

Dreams

29. Daniel 5 v. 5

A finger writing on the wall

30. Jonah 1 v. 4 - 17

Great wind and storm, drawing lots which fell on Jonah

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Hearing God's Voice in New Testament:

Gospels--The gospels are full of examples of God communicating. Some examples used in Jesus' life.

1. Matthew 1 v. 20 Angelic messenger (many other references)
2. Matthew 2 v. 2 Star guiding the magi to the birthplace of Jesus
3. Matthew 5 v. 21 - 22 etc Jesus' teaching, explaining the law
4. Mark 2 v. 5 – 11 The witness in Jesus' spirit
5. Mark 4 v. 33 – 34 Through parables
6. Luke 2 v. 12, 3 v. 4 Fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy
7. Luke 2 v. 25 – 26 Revelation of the Holy Spirit
8. Luke 2 v. 36 Anna, a prophetess
9. Luke 4 v. 1 Holy Spirit leading
10. Luke 6 v. 12 Through prayer
11. Luke 9 v. 30 – 31 Moses and Elijah at the transfiguration
12. Luke 9 v. 47 Jesus knew their thoughts
13. John 1 v. 33 The dove descending confirming what John had been told.
14. John 8 v. 25 – 27 Jesus spoke what he heard from his Father
15. John 10 v. 38, 11 v. 4 By miracles (many other references)

16. John 14 v. 9 Revealing himself in Jesus

17. John 15 v. 26, 27 Testimony of the Holy Spirit and the apostles

18. John 20v.22 cf John 14v16-17 Holy Spirit given to lead into all truth

19. John 21 v. 24 – 25 Written accounts of the life of Jesus.

Acts-- God continued to speak in the early church. Acts records many instances.

1. Acts 1 v. 26 Casting lots was used as a means of guidance for the last time.

2. 2 v. 1 - 4, 11 Wind, tongues as of fire, other tongues

3. 2 v. 40 Holy Spirit speaking through people

4. 2 v. 43 By miraculous signs, wonders

5. 3 v. 6 – 10 Healing the cripple gave an opportunity to speak of Jesus

6. Acts 4 v. 13 Confident witness of the disciples

7. Acts 5 v. 1 – 11 The Holy Spirit gave discernment to Peter. Ananias and Sapphira died.

8. Acts 6 v. 15, 7 v. 55, 56, 60 Stephen's appearance, vision, and witness

9. Acts 5 v. 39, 40 Wisdom of Gamaliel

10. Acts 9 v. 3,10 A light from heaven, voice, vision

11. 9 v. 40 – 42 Miracle of raising the dead

12. 10 v. 3, 9 – 10 Angel from God in a vision, trance

13. 12 v. 7 Angel of the Lord, light, miracle of release

14. 12 v. 23 Immediate judgment and Herod died

15. 13 v. 11 Being struck blind

16. 15 By the Holy Spirit guiding the meeting in Jerusalem

17. 16 v. 10 By a vision giving guidance

18. 16 v. 18 Through supernatural deliverance

19. 16 v. 26, 32 An earthquake, apostles spoke the word of the Lord

20. 19 v. 11-12 Miracles of healing and deliverance

21. 21 v. 10 – 11 By prophetic action

22. 23 v. 11 By revelation in person

23. 27 v. 21 – 26 By prophetic word

24. 28 v. 31 Through preaching

Revelation

Revelation 1 v. 1 - 3

The whole book is a revelation of Jesus Christ given by God to show his servants what was going to happen. He sent an angel to John who was told to record everything he saw - that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. There is promised blessing to those who read the words of the prophecy, for those who hear it and those who take to heart what is written in it.

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AUDIBLE

Matthew 17:5-6 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold **a voice out of the cloud**, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

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My sheep hear My voice



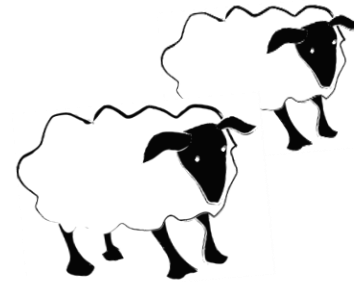
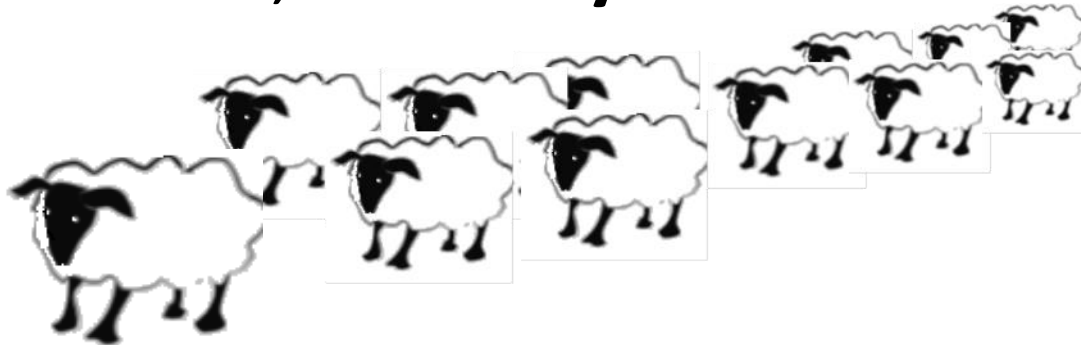
John 1:1 In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

DO YOU KNOW HIS VOICE?

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John 10:27 **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:**



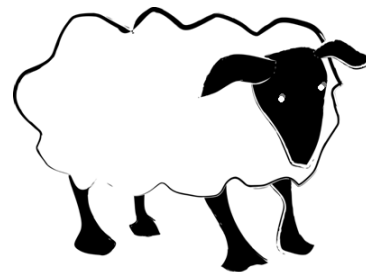
John 18:³⁷ Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. **Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**



My sheep hear My voice



Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.



Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works **to serve the living God?**

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John 10: ¹ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the porter openeth; and **the sheep hear his voice:** and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴ And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: **for they know his voice.**

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John 10: ⁵ **And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.** ⁶ This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. ⁷ Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: **but the sheep did not hear them.**

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Deut 13: ¹ If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, ² And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, **Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;** ³ **Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.** ⁴ Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. ⁵ And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; **because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God,** which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

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John 10: ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine. ¹⁵

As the Father knoweth me, even so know I

the Father: and I lay down my life for the

sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have, which are

not of this fold: them also I must bring, and

they shall hear my voice; and there shall

be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

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THE NON-LISTENER

The non-listener doesn't even pretend to listen to God's word. When the preaching starts they tune-out or become indulged in self pursuits, keeping themselves entertained or complaining inside themselves how they wish it was over so they could do what they want to do. They often tend to view church gatherings as merely a social club or as they are 'putting in their God-time' deceiving themselves that they have a relationship with the Lord which they do not have.

Jeremiah 13:10 This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

Zechariah 7:11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

Acts 7:57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

A good word of advice to this type of listener:

Proverbs 8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

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THE PASSIVE LISTENER

The passive listener does not come to services to hear what God has to say. For example, the passive listener comes into a church service or Bible study and never gives a second thought to what God is saying to him through His teachers and preachers.

I know for a fact that some people who come to worship on Sabbaths are not Christians. But week after week, They may hear passages that urge them to give their lives to the Lord. However, they do not respond. Why? They are not listening to God. They tune Him and His Word out of their lives.

What will happen to those who do not listen to God's Word?

2 Thessalonians 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

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THE SELECTIVE LISTENER

The selective listener listens to only what he wants to hear. Some people believe that all you have to do to be saved is believe in Jesus Christ. However, when it comes to repentance and baptism, they do not think that it applies to them nor is necessary. (*Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*). This is an example of a selective listener. They listen to only what they want to hear. The person who thinks they know all, knows all they will ever know.

As Christians, we cannot pick and choose what we like and do not like in the Scriptures. We must be in submission to God's teachings.

2 John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. **Isaiah 8:20** To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is because there is no light in them.*

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THE AGGRESSIVE LISTENER.

The aggressive listener comes seeking to hear diligently what God has to say. Often with a pen and notepad scribing every verse reference and note, the aggressive listener comes to church or Bible study ready to hear, regardless of what God says His will is for his/her life. They want to know if what they are doing in their life is right or wrong. And if it is wrong, they are always willing to change.

The aggressive listener is accurately depicted when Paul spoke of the Berean Christians, saying, *Acts 17:11* *These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*

Matthew 7:24 *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

If we want to live godly lives, then we must listen to God's will and then put it into practice. The Bible teaches in (Dt. 11) that if we listen and obey God, we will be blessed. On the other hand, if we do not listen to God, we will be cursed.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 *Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.*

THANK YOU.

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