

MESSAGE NOTES

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“Called to Listen!”

What makes it difficult to listen?

- *James 1:10 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak*

READ 1 Samuel 3:1-10.

Listen to the _____!

What does the phrase, “In those days the word of the Lord was rare” tell us about the time of Samuel and Eli?

- *Judges 17:6 "Everybody did as they saw fit."*

Could a similar statement be made about America today?

... about us?

What happens when we do not listen to the Word of the Lord?

- *Ephesians 4:14 ...tossed back and forth by the waves and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming*
- *John 10:24-28 The Jews gathered around him, saying, "... If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me,²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.*

What blessings come as we listen to the Word of God?

- *John 6:67-68 As the disciples answered Jesus' question "Do you too want to leave?" to which they responded, "Lord to whom shall we go, you have the Words of eternal life!"*

_____ to the Words of the Lord!

What is the difference between hearing and listening?

Hearing:

Listening:

What blessings come as we not only hear the Word of God but listen to it and obey it?

- *Luke 11:28 "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."*
- *1 Samuel 3:19-4:1 The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. 21 The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word. 1 And Samuel's word came to all Israel.*

“Good listening is like tuning in a radio station. For good results you can only listen to one station at a time” (Robert. Herron, 1987) What “static” needs to be removed to allow me be ready to say, “Speak Lord, your servant is LISTENING!”