

Listen To His Voice

“As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:38-42)

In this life we need to be under the direction of someone who can guide us and direct us into the right path that leads us to safety and right destiny. It is not easy life; difficulties are there with many complexities, and different kinds of systems and arrangements. Really we need guidance and somebody who would give us clear direction and the right step at the right time.

Not only that but still there is the attack of the enemy, Satan, who attacks us and make us busy while we are walking with Christ our Lord. Therefore Christ came from heaven, He was sent by God the Father to save us from sin and death. Christ came to destroy the work of the devil. **“He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.” (1 John 3:8)** Christ Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. The Lord Jesus said, **“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.” (John 10:27-28)** Those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are those who listen to His voice and the follow Him; this is the criteria of the sheep.

There are people, who not listen at all, and there are people, who listen but do not follow, and also there are people who listen but they do the opposite; all those are not the sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, **“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” (James 1:22)** The sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ they don't only listen but they do as well. Therefore before we do anything we need to listen to the voice of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the above chosen passage we have two sisters, Martha and Mary. Both of them they believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, they had received Him in their home, they were happy that the Lord is with them. But they showed a different respond toward Him. Martha's was busy with the preparation but Mary sat at His feet listening to His teachings, instructions and directions. Martha was so busy disturbed and distracted by all the unnecessary preparation, she even asked the Lord to urge her sister Mary to help her. In fact Martha she missed the point for what Jesus entered her house. Jesus was not interested with the cooking and other preparation of the food that is going on.

Although Martha she was happy that Jesus visited her house, and she wanted to make Jesus happy. But to make Jesus happy and to return to Him what due for Him from honor glory and praise is not by all what Martha was doing. Jesus wanted Martha to respond to His coming to her house by listening to His voice in order for her to obey all his commands.

The Lord said, **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.” (Psalm 32:8)** But how we receive instructions, guidance and council from the Lord if we fail to give him time and sit at his feet and listen to His voice. That what Jesus wanted from Martha when He entered her house. The same is what Jesus wants from each and every one of us. Many who are believers in Christ they do many things and they say we are doing all that for God and for the glory of God, but they are not aware that God is not interested with what they are doing. He is not the one who recommends them to do all that. What God wanted from Martha to come and to listen to Him before she starts to do other things. Therefore the followings shall be the guidance that you need in your life as you walk with the Lord.

1- Train yourself to listen to the voice of God: Man is able to hear three kinds of voices; *First, the voice of ego* (your personal desire) *Second, the voice of the enemy (the devil)* that keep trying to confuse you and bring you into wrong directions, *Third, the voice of God*. These voices, your ego and the voice of Satan, will work on you if you have wrong motive, impurity, selfish ambitions, doubts, insecurity and anxieties. These all can be an element for Satan to speak to you and makes you afraid. Train yourself to reject all these voices and listen and entertain only the voice of God.

2- Train yourself not to do anything unless you hear clearly the voice of God: Many they start to do many things depending on their own wisdom and understanding without hearing the voice of the Lord. So you find them spend much of their time, money and effort to build many things and projects, while they keep asking God why it is not prospering? Why there is no progress? Why we are so tired? And why we do not have peace? But the following will be the Lord's answer to you if you are among such people, **“If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea.” (Isaiah 48:1)**

My Dear and Beloved: In the mid of your struggle in this life may be you are questioning the Lord why you are so involved with many things and you are alone. The Lord is speaking to you right now and direct you and teach you the way that you should live your Life. You need to listen to Him, to His advice, His guidance and direction before you put your hand in any work. Come back to Him and wait at His feet, **“Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!”** As you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal Life. Lord I commit myself to listen to your voice, advice and guidance before I get involved in any work of yours. This is my Prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*