

Hear and Choose

Shalom,

Hear, oh heavens, as I speak!
Listen, earth, to the words from my mouth!
May my teaching fall like rain.
May my speech condense like dew,
 like light rain on blades of grass,
 or showers on growing plants.
For I will proclaim the Name of ADONAI.
Come, declare the greatness of our God!
The Rock! His work is perfect,
 for all His ways are just.
A trustworthy God Who does no wrong,
He is righteous and straight (Deuteronomy 32:1-4 CJB).

This week's Torah portion is **Deuteronomy 32:1-52**. It is called **Ha'azinu**, or **"Give ear."** In this song, Moses prepared the Children of Israel for his death and the end of his ministry. He gave them words of inspiration through the anointing of the Holy Spirit to inspire, equip, and warn them, instructing them how to prosper and remain faithful, and clearly showing them the consequences of rebellious decision making. His words to them give direction to all who read and understand that God's words are timeless and are truth for all eternity. **The Spirit of God gave Moses a song for His people to memorize and sing to themselves so that they would remember and teach it to their children for encouraging obedience to all of God's instruction.** These words are recorded after the end of the song to emphasize what had been written in Deuteronomy 30:19 as the choice between life and death.

The key to all His instruction is found in the beginning words of the song: **"Give ear." Pay attention to the times that God reminds us to listen or hear and understand that we are awesomely designed by our Creator to be changed by what we truly hear.** Too many of us only hear a minimum of what is necessary, and some miss the point entirely, replacing what God says with men's interpretations and traditions. People become programmed by bits and pieces of truth or by outright lies and, because they perceive things with faulty understanding, they turn truth into lies.

"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths" (2 Timothy 4:3-4 ESV).

Every Word of God is truth and for our good, for it is alive! Indeed, it is Yeshua Who is the way, the truth and the life. Only through rightly dividing the word of truth, will we discover that all that YHWH has spoken is to show us the way to eternal salvation through Jesus, the Messiah, by trusting in His death, burial, and resurrection to redeem us from sin and make us perfectly righteous.

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ” (Romans 10:17).

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart” (Deuteronomy 6:4-6).

It is obvious when God instructs us to listen by charging the heavens and the earth to “Give ear” He is showing that His Word is so alive and powerful that those who really hear it and hear it and hear it will be transformed by the truth into the very image of The Living Word of God, Jesus the Messiah.

“He said to them, **“Take to heart all the words of my testimony against you today, so that you can use them in charging your children to be careful to obey all the words of this Torah. For this is not a trivial matter for you; on the contrary, it is your life!** Through it you will live long in the land you are crossing the Yarden to possess” (Deuteronomy 32:46-47 CJB).

“**For the Word of God is living and active,** sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12 ESV).

“**For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son,** in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers” (Romans 8:29).

God’s plan for us, from the beginning, was that we might walk in His new creation reality in Messiah Yeshua and always **choose to hear Him** clearly so that the truth would completely re-program us to the way, the truth, and the life that is released in us through the faith that unites us with Him and the destiny He has ordained for us. An even more amazing and wonderful part of God’s plan is this: When we choose to hear His Word, He empowers and equips us with His own faith and strength to live, as His very own children, doing His will and ministry on earth.

Hearing His voice,
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