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Blessing, If You Listen

Shalom,

See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—the blessing, if you listen to the mitzvot of ADONAI your God that I am giving you today; and the curse, if you don't listen to the mitzvot of ADONAI your God, but turn aside from the way I am ordering you today and follow other gods that you have not known. (Deuteronomy 11:26-28 CJB)

The Torah portion for this week is found in **Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17** and is called **Re'eh** or “**See.**” It begins with the instruction to **behold**, or **see the blessing that God promises to everyone who will choose to take it.** YHWH has made a way for all of us to receive His Blessing. He simply tells us to **listen and obey** His instructions. The Good News that God want us to **really see** and understand is that, despite our unworthiness, **because of His unconditional love, He has made a way, through His redemption that those who will see and hear His message, will develop a trust for Him.**

Amazingly, our faith in God grows by perceiving and understanding His revealed Word. Since He tells us to “**See,**” and “**Listen,**” there must be the possibility to see without perceiving and hear without understanding. This is true, not only in understanding the Gospel, but in all His Kingdom principles that, in order to receive the benefits, we must allow His Word to form and mold us into His likeness and image by believing and obeying what He says.

He said, “Go and tell this people: ‘Yes, you hear, but you don't understand. You certainly see, but you don't get the point!’” (Isaiah 6:9 CJB)

Jesus explained the condition of human hearts, likening them to soil conditions. Just as some soil produces poorly because of poor preparation while other soil that is made ready will yield a great and fruitful harvest.

*Those **alongside the path** where the message is sown are people who no sooner hear it than the Adversary comes and takes away the message sown in them. Likewise, those receiving seed **on rocky patches** are people who hear the message and joyfully accept it at once; but they have no root in themselves. So they hold out for a while, but as soon as some trouble or persecution arises on account of the message, they immediately fall away. Others are those sown **among thorns**—they hear the message; but the worries of the world, the deceitful glamor of wealth and all the other kinds of desires push in and choke the message; so that it produces nothing. But those sown **on rich soil** hear the message, accept it and bear fruit—thirty, sixty or a hundredfold. (Mark 4:15-20 CJB)*

Choices, not God's judgements, are responsible for the bad things we experience in our lives. We can trust God to deliver us from the effects of bad choices and make a way to restore and heal what the devil has stolen. In addition, your choice of activity and focus will change the way you see and hear with the Father and cause you to produce much fruit in His kingdom.

Few have tapped into the fullness of God's plan for the Blessing to be realized without limitation, because many obey according to fleshly understanding. **There is always a limit to believing when natural thinking is employed** to the terrible extent that **men irrationally limit Almighty God with their own unbelief.**

Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. (Psalms 78:41 KJV)

Let us be the ones who diligently hear the wonderful life-giving, faith-building Word of God and trust to receive every one of His assurances of good.

God is not a man who lies, or a son of man who changes his mind! Does He speak and then not do it, or promise and not fulfill it? (Numbers 23:19 TLV)

*So what if some did not trust? Will their lack of faith nullify God's faithfulness? May it never be! **Let God be true even if every man is a liar,** as it is written, "that You may be righteous in Your words and prevail when You are judged." (Romans 3:3-4 TLV)*

Listening,
Terry

With your ears you will hear a word from behind you: "This is the way; stay on it"... (Isaiah 30:21 CJB)

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