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- **Kent Eakins,** Hermitage, MO
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Scripture Readings

AM: James 4:7-8 **PM: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

Upcoming Sermons

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October 30: Philip Steele – True Terror
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Sunday PM

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He That Hath Ears To Hear, Let Him Hear

There are times when we are all selective listeners. Someone will tell us something, but we won't hear it or remember it, because our attention is elsewhere. I must admit that I'm a terrible listener when I'm watching sports. If a football or baseball game is on, my focus is on the game and not on what people are saying. I'll only listen to what I want to hear.

Jesus said the following phrase many times: “He that hath ears to hear, let him hear”. He said it after He told parables in the four gospel accounts, and He said it to each of the congregations in the book of Revelation. Each time He said it, He was wanting the people to understand what He was saying. He was giving them something they needed to know, and He wanted to make sure they took the time to really listen to it. And He knew that the only ones who would listen would be those who wanted to hear Him, those who wanted to listen to His words.

There is always the danger of reading into the bible what we want it to say, instead of what it actually says. When we do that, we are not wanting to hear what God says. We are only interested in hearing what we want to hear. We become like the people Paul warned Timothy about in 2 Timothy 4:3-4. We only accept what we want to believe instead of listening to what God wants us to hear. When that is the case, we no longer have ears to hear, so we won't hear what God is telling us.

James 1:22-25 explains the difference between a hearer and a doer. A hearer is someone who hears the word of God and then forgets it, like a man looking at himself in the mirror and then forgetting what he looks like when he turns away. It's in one ear and out the other, as the expression goes. A person like this is one who reads his bible or goes to services. When they read God's word or hear it preached, they know that it's the truth. But as soon as the bible is closed or they have left services, the message is forgotten. This person is never truly desiring to listen to God's word or following it or obeying it. The only teaching they will accept is one that doesn't make them change.

The doer, in James' example, is the one who truly has ears to hear. He is like the man who looks at his image and remembers it. He is the one who looks into God's word, sees what needs to be changed in himself, and then changes it. He reads the bible, not in order to prove his point or his belief, but to know and understand what God wants him to know and how God wants him to live.

We must have ears to hear in order to be acceptable to God. We must be willing to obey what we hear and follow what is written. We must not become selective listeners, only listening to what we want and focusing on what we like. The world is full of selective listeners, following after whatever pleases them. If we truly want to be the followers of God, we will desire to listen to His word and follow it. We will hear what He says and obey it.

Philip Steele

Prayer Requests

- Joe Staggs
- Teresa Heinz
- Lillian's Brother
- Al Haskell (Kidney)
- Michael Golwitzer (Kidney)
- Marty Stearns (Health)
- McClaine Family
- John Shafer & wife Linda
- Tim Drummond
- Bob Stinnett (Heart Condition)

Mark Your Calendars

- November 6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends, Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour
- November 20 – Men's Meeting, Pot-luck Luncheon
- December 30 – Quarterly Seminar