

Sunday, April 9, 2017
Did You Know?

To Hear or Not to Hear

God talks to all people. The primary way he does this is through the Bible -- what is also known as the Word of God, and through his Son, Jesus, who is considered the Word that has become flesh. And, since God talks to us, there are certain things we should never want to hear him say to us and there are other things we should long to hear him say. Here is a non-comprehensive list of things you don't and do want Jesus to say to you.

Words We Don't Want to Hear:

- "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt 25:41)
- "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!" (Matt 7:23)
- "But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you." (Matt 11:24)
- "Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come." (Matt 12:32)
- "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign!" (Matt 12:39)
- "You hypocrites!" (Matt 15:7)
- "May you never bear fruit again!" (Matt 21:19)
- "Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matt 22:13)
- "You wicked, lazy servant!" (Matt 25:26)

Words We Do Want to Hear:

- "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matt 25:23)
- "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." (Matt 9:2)
- "Follow me" (Matt 9:9)
- "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28)
- "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven." (Matt 10:32-33)
- "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (Matt 12:50)
- "But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear." (Matt 13:16)
- "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." (Matt 14:27)
- "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt 19:14)
- "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matt 25:40)

What dreadful and beautiful words; from these, we see that words really do matter, especially the words of our Lord. May we strive, by all His might, to live by faith in obedience, so that we too may hear his precious words.

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