

WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - AUGUST 19, 2018

TOPIC: DOING THE "ONE THING" OF THE BIBLE

Sermon 5: "Listening To Jesus!"

TEXT: Luke 10:38-42

INTRO: Our text today teaches us the great importance of listening to the words of the Lord Jesus!

FIVE PRACTICAL REASONS WHY WE MUST LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS:

1. HIS WORDS PUT US IN FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM:

vv. 40a-41 cf. Psalm 1:2

Psalm 1:2: "But his DELIGHT is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night."

Note: Like the Psalmist in Psalm 1, when we listen and meditate on God's Word, not only that it puts us in fellowship and communion with Him, but also it gives us great joy!!

2. HIS WORDS SET OUR FOCUS IN PROPER

PERSPECTIVE: vv. 40a-41 cf. Matthew 6:33

Matthew 6:33: "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Note: Martha obviously does not know a time management principle, i.e., "First things first!"

3. HIS WORDS PROVIDE STRENGTH FOR OUR DAILY

BATTLE: vv. 39-40 cf. Matthew 4:4

Matthew 4:4: Jesus answered, "It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Note: Ephesians 6:10-17 indicates that we are engaged in a spiritual battle!

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4. HIS WORDS SAVE THOSE WHO COME TO HIM:

Romans 10:17 cf. John 14:6

John 14:6: Jesus answered, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

* "Jesus is the ONLY way to salvation!" - Acts 4:12

5. HIS WORDS GIVE US REST WHEN WE ARE

WEARY: vv. 40a-41 cf. Matthew 11:28

Matthew 11:28: "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

CONCLUSION: Listening to the words of the Lord Jesus is a CHOICE!

My Word Is A Big Rock!

A time management expert was speaking to a group of business students. He pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he took about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When no more rocks would fit inside, he asked the class, "Is this jar full?" Everyone answered, "Yes." He said, "Ahhh." He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He poured some in and shook the jar so that the gravel worked its way in between the larger rocks. Then he asked again, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was unto him, so they replied, "Probably not." "Good," he replied. He reached out under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He dumped the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked, "Is the jar full?" "No," the class shouted. "Good," he said again. Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and poured it in until the jar was full to the brim. Then he asked the class, "What was the point of the illustration?" One eager beaver said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it." "No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The point is this: if you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them all in."

Jesus is saying, "Time spent sitting at My feet and listening to My word is a big rock!" If we aren't careful, busyness will crowd out that essential time we need with the Lord. Even good things, like serving the Lord, can wrongly crowd out the necessary thing. - *First Things First*, pp. 88-89

Verse For Today

"But only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her!"

- Luke 10:42

Food For Thought

"The Bible will keep us from sin, and sin will keep us from the Bible!" - Dwight L. Moody