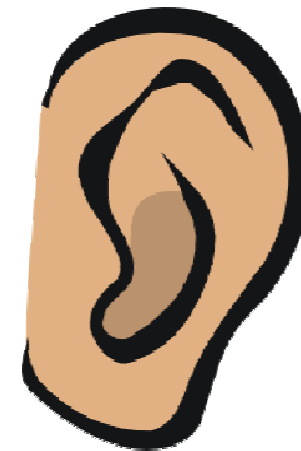


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Who Is Listening To You?



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).*** I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,
Pastor John

RESOURCES USED

- * The Companion Bible
- * Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- * Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- * A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- * Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- * The American College Dictionary
- * World's Bible Handbook
- * The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- * Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- * The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- * God's Plan For Man
- * Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- * Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- * Manners And Customs From the Bible
- * What The Bible Is All About
- * Halley's Bible Handbook

These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!

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OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

Hosea 4:6

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

Proverbs 23:7

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

Colossians 1:9

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

Proverbs 24:3-5

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

Mark 13:10

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,
John and Karen Pelizzari

WHO IS LISTENING TO YOU?

Numbers 20:1-2

[1] Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. [2] And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

1. Moses is leading the children of Israel out of Egypt.
 - a. Now we have a major crisis, over a million people, not including livestock have no water.
 - b. Now notice how most people handle a crisis.

Numbers 20:3 And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the Lord!

The people chode with Moses - they began to argue and blame Moses for their circumstance.

Numbers 20:4-5

[4] And why have ye brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderness, that we

**and our cattle should die there?
[5] And wherefore have ye
made us to come up out of
Egypt, to bring us in unto this
evil place? it is no place of seed,
or of figs, or of vines, or of
pomegranates; neither is there
any water to drink.**

2. Now, like most people who believe they are following God's will but are unexpectedly ambushed by a crisis, they begin to ask of 'why' and 'where'.
 - a. We thought God was leading us to a promised land, why is this happening to us?
 - b. Where is His protection? Where is His provision?
 - c. I thought God was leading us, why this massive crisis?
3. Just because you are walking out God's will for your life doesn't mean that problems won't occur.
 - a. Most church folks think that following God will be a smooth ride without incident.

Numbers 20:6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon

their faces: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them.

4. Two out of a million decided to pray about the situation while the rest complained and questioned God's ability and integrity.

Numbers 20:8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

5. God's response; "*Speak to the rock*" and water will flow out, enough for over a million people plus their livestock.
6. The point, speak to the circumstances and God's promises, not your doubts and concerns.
7. This teaches us that we can speak to our needs to become manifest according to God's promise.
 - a. What are we doing by speaking to the rock?

Romans 4:17 ...and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

8. Speaking the Word by faith releases the creative power of God inside of you that you received when you were born again.

Romans 4:17 (MSG) ...with a word make something out of nothing.

9. Let's look at some more examples.

Joshua 10:1-5 (NLT) [1] Now Adoni-zedek, king of Jerusalem, heard that Joshua had captured and completely destroyed Ai and killed its king, just as he had destroyed the city of Jericho and killed its king. He also learned that the Gibeonites had made peace with Israel and were now their allies. [2] He and his people became very afraid when they heard all this because Gibeon was a large city—as large as the royal cities and larger than Ai. And the Gibeonite men were mighty warriors. [3] So King Adoni-zedek of Jerusalem sent messengers to several other kings: Hoham of Hebron, Piram of Jarmuth, Japhia of Lachish, and Debir of Eglon. [4] "Come and help me destroy Gibeon," he urged them, "for they have made peace with Joshua and the people of Israel."

[5] So these five Amorite kings combined their armies for a united attack. They moved all their troops into place and attacked Gibeon.

10. Five warring nations are about to come against Joshua as he is fulfilling his commission to take the children of Israel into the promised land.

a. Jump to verse 12.

Joshua 10:12 Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

11. Joshua needed more daylight to finish his battle against the five kings so he commanded nature to come to a stop, so he could finish the fight.

a. The solar system that God created obeyed Joshua.

12. Joshua was not afraid to speak to the solar system that God had created before the entire nation.

a. His faith was not a secret of the heart, but an open manifestation for everyone to see.

13. Most of us would look around to see if anyone was watching and then with a big question mark in our voice, we would try to say something.

a. But because most people don't want to appear foolish in the eyes of others, they would never do this out loud with boldness.

b. Some church folks would give it a try to see if it would work or not, but they would never really have an expectancy of God to work on their behalf, especially something so improbable.

14. This one teaches us that we can speak to our crisis and all of creation will move on the behalf of one person standing in bold faith.

Luke 4:38-39 [38] And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. [39] And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

15. In front of everyone, Jesus is talking to either germs or a virus. The others probably thought that He had contacted her fever because he is speaking to things not seen by the naked eye.

16. This teaches us that we can speak to our bodies and they must conform to the Word of the Lord.

Matthew 21:19-20 [19] And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. [20] And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

17. This shows that we can speak to our desires or expectancies.

18. The miracle is, that it only took 24 hours to manifest.

a. That implies that "24 hour faith" can be developed in a person's life.

Luke 8:24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

19. Aroused out of His sleep, Jesus is now talking to the weather.

20. This shows us that we should speak peace in the midst of our storms instead of turning our storms into a hurricane by words of fear and doubt.

Luke 17:6 **And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.**

21. Notice Jesus is pointing out that we should take authority over some of the ‘its’ that are happening in our lives.

- a. we should not allow the ‘its’ to tell us how things are going to end, but that we should tell our circumstances how things are going to be.

Mark 11:23 **For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

22. Of course the most commonly known one is to “speak to the mountain” symbolizing to speak to our overwhelming circumstances.

- a. We are to speak to, not talk about.

23. When Jesus was teaching His disciples about faith, He told them to “*speak to this mountain.*”

24. God’s Word is voice activated.

a. Faith is released when you speak God’s Word with a believing heart.

25. What we have a tendency to do is look at whatever it is that we are facing, and we magnify its intensity by talking about it.

- a. Then, because of the size of the problem or the level of difficulty, we fall out of faith and into hope.

26. Why? Because we have allowed reason and speculation to take away from the power and ability of God’s Word and His promises.

- a. Authority must have a voice.

27. Nowhere in the Bible do you find Jesus prayed *for* the sick.

- a. But over and over again we see He speaking to sickness and demons and circumstances.

28. The authority given to Moses, Joshua, and Jesus has also been given to us. We need to speak to the circumstances of life and believe they will change.

29. Now we must ask, does the solar system have ears that has not been discovered by man?

- a. Did Moses’ rock have unseen ears?

- b. Did the sycamine tree or the fig tree have leaf covered ears that we have not discovered yet?

- c. Are caves that we find actually the ears of a mountain?
- d. Do germs and viruses have microscopic ears?
- e. Does the weather possess invisible ears that we know not of?

30. But why did God tell us to speak to circumstances or trials?

31. If we can speak to sickness, demons and the circumstances of life, they must be able to hear.

- a. Jesus said the sycamine tree would obey.
- b. For a tree to obey, *it has to hear the command first.*

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32. Notice that there is a “who” that is against you.

- a. The “ who” is no secret, it’s satan.
- b. But there is another “who” that is for you.

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

33. Jesus is the visible image/expression of the invisible God.

- a. He existed before God made anything at all and is supreme over all creation.

Colossians 1:16-17 [16] For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: [17] And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

34. Because all things were created by/for Him, all things must therefore obey Him.

Colossians 1:16-17 (MSG) [16] For everything, a b s o l u t e l y everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after r a n k o f angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. [17] He was there before any of it came into existence

and holds it all together right up to this moment.

35. That means All of creation must still be able to respond to the voice of God today.

John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

36. There is a “who” that is against you and uses people and circumstances to bring trials and tribulations to your life.

37. But, there is a “Who” that is for you that will cause all of creation to obey the words that you speak by faith.

38. If that is the case:

- a. Why not speak to your checkbook as if it can hear?
- b. Speak to them and say, “Checkbook, I command you to open up to the provisions of God. You have been against me too long.”
- c. Why not speak to that disease as if it has ears?
- d. “...disease, if God be for me, you cannot be against me. I rebuke you and command you to leave my body in the name of Jesus. Come out by the roots and be cast into the sea.”

39. Jesus said things and circumstances will obey you.

40. Quit letting your troubles and problems speak to you.

- a. Talk back to them and claim your authority in Jesus’ name.
- b. They will hear and obey.
- c. The only thing in creation that has ears and usually decides not to obey is God’s finest creation...mankind.

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