

Sermon In A Nutshell, "STOP LOOK LISTEN" February 21, 2020

Proverbs 2:19 NKJV

"The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all the inner depths of his heart."

Psalm 119:105 NKJV

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

As a young boy, I served as a safety patrol watch. My job was to stand on the corner and help students coming to school cross the busy street. Our first instructions were to stop, look, and listen before crossing the street. Not all of the students wanted to listen to my direction. They preferred to make the decision themselves.

That was not unlike the children of Israel listing to Moses. Moses has just given the 10 commandants to the Israelites after coming down from the mountain. In fear and trembling they respond, "Then they said to Moses, you speak to us, and we will hear; but let not GOD speak to us, lest we die."

The Israelites knew that if God spoke to them they had only two choices, either obey or perish. If Moses spoke to them they could argue with him.

When we listen to the HOLY SPIRIT, GOD is speaking. When we read the Bible, HE speaks to us through scripture. We do great disrespect to HIM when we refuse to listen. We often had rather take the advice of men, which leaves us free to disagree without being disrespectful to GOD.

In the words of Oswald Chambers, "Am I constantly humiliating GOD by ignoring HIM, while HE lovingly continues to treat me as HIS child? Once I finally do hear HIM, the humiliation I have heaped on HIM returns to m...MY response..."LORD why was I so insensitive and obstinate."

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## Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD, for teaching me YOUR ways. I know I need to stop all else in order to see what YOU have and want of me. Help me this day to listen to YOUR guiding voice of YOUR HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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