

# Time in God's Word

## Week 1: Tool Track Bible Study on Listening

### 1. God's Invitation

Read Isaiah 55:1-3

What do you learn about listening from this passage?

What does it mean to listen?

(If you have the Blue Letter Bible (BLB) look up Isaiah 55: 2 then click on the Interlinear Bible for the word "hearken"- or see the picture taken from BLB below)

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Isa 55 Interlinear Online

H8085 - *šāma'*

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Transliteration: *šāma'*

Pronunciation: shaw-mah'

Part of Speech: masculine noun, verb

Root Word (Etymology): A primitive root

TWOT Reference: 2412, 2412a

Outline of Biblical Usage:  
verb

*I* to hear, listen to, obey

*A* (Qal)

*i.* to hear (perceive by ear)

*ii.* to hear of or concerning

*iii.* to hear (have power to hear)

*iv.* to hear with attention or interest, listen to

*v.* to understand (language)

*vi.* to hear (of judicial cases)

*vii.* to listen, give heed

*a.* to consent, agree

*b.* to grant request

*viii.* to listen to, yield to

*ix.* to obey, be obedient

*B* (Niphal)

*i.* to be heard (of voice or sound)

What role does attention play in listening?

What is the relationship between listening and obeying?

Why do you think it is important to listen?

Why do you think listening is important to God?

## *2. God Listens*

Where is listening first mentioned in the Bible?

According to Genesis 1, how did God create everything?

Why do you think he did it this way? (Read John 1:1-3, 14)

What do you learn about God from this?

## *3. Created to Listen*

According to Genesis 1:26 how did God create men and women?

According to the Bible, what were the first things people heard? Why is this significant?

Genesis 1:28

Genesis 1: 29

Genesis 2:16-17

What difference could it make in your life if you were consistently hearing from God in those three areas?

#### *4. Created to Choose*

What choice did the Lord give people in Genesis 2:16-17?

Why do you think the Lord created people with the ability to choose?

How does this relate to listening?

#### *5. Consequences of Not Listening Wisely*

What role did listening play in the Fall? (Read Genesis 3)

Where do you observe listening in Genesis 3?	What happened as a result?

What do you learn about listening from this?

What happens when we fail to listen well?

## *6. The Power of Listening*

Read Genesis 11: 1-9. Where do you see listening in this passage?

What do you learn about listening from what the Lord says in Genesis 11:6?

Considering Genesis 6:5, why do you think this might've been a problem?

Why do you think the Lord confused languages?

What do you learn about the Lord from this?

## *7. Growing In Listening Wisely and Well*

How does this connect with your life?

What do you sense the Lord is inviting you to do in response?

What can it look like for you to listen to Him and practically do this?