

S.O.H.L. (10/5/09)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

I Hear You, But I'm Not Listening

JOHN 10:3-5 NLT - (3) The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (4) After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. (5) They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."

When it comes to the word of God, people fall in one of the four categories:

- 1) You have those who listen to what God says and execute His instructions through application. They may have challenges through temptations, but they intelligently choose to listen to God.
- 2) You have those who listen to God sometimes and they execute application to some of the instructions He gives out. (In other words, they hear Him, but they refuse to listen to everything He says).
- 3) You have those who are ignorant of His word, but they claim they hear and listen to what His instructions are. (These people are led by traditions, fables or even false teachers). See **Romans 10:2-3**
- 4) Then you have those who simply refuse to listen to God.

So which of the three categories prove that one is not listening to God? 2-4 would be the answer. When a child of God hears **His** voice, they will not be led wrong by absolutely any means! So, why is it that many are not listening to God? As I said earlier, they follow traditions instead of studying the word of God, showing them approved. They follow fables, false teachers, rebellious, fear, prideful and the list is not exhausted.

When we trust Christ and have faith in His word, we hear **His** voice and not a strange one. When we hear a strange voice, we should run from it. Christ cares about His flock just as the shepherd cares about his sheep.

I encourage you to stop running from God's instructions and listen to what is being said. Ignoring Him or not knowing the truth can result to a negative consequential life.

SCRIPTURE READING
EPHESIANS 4:17-20

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Too many Christians walk by feelings, not by faith.

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