

The Sensitivity of God's Word

How much are we willing to listen to God? I mean truly listen to what we are told. Will we listen to God as He tells us how to conduct ourselves? Can we hear what He is saying? For we all have a conscious. Are we sensitive to what He is saying to our hearts or are we blocking Him out? How terrible it is when we don't listen effectively to God! How terrible it is when we allow certain emotions to rule our hearts such as (anger, greed, rebellion, fear, doubt and pride, etc.) Let us review some of the terrible consequences that happened to those who refused to listen to the Lord .

The story of the people of Israel – **1 Samuel 8:7- 22** – The people wanted a King and God warned them of the consequences of allowing a human king to rule over them. They refused to listen to Samuel the prophet.

The story of King Saul – The people end up picking Saul as king (**1 Samuel 9:2**). In **1 Samuel 15**, the bible tells us how King Saul refused to listen to God and as a result he ends his life in **1 Samuel 31:4**.

The story of Moses – He allowed the people to make him angry and therefore struck the rock. For this action, a negative consequence took place (**Numbers 20:11**).

The story of David and Bathsheba – The bible tells us that David was a man after God's heart, but when we can't hear God talking to us or when we tune Him out, we do what David did in **2 Samuel 11**. The consequences that David suffered are in **chapter 12**.

The story of Solomon – The wisest man ever to live! But he refused to listen to God and look what happens in **1 Kings 11**.

The story of Pharaoh and Korah - Moses is God's representative. In **Exodus 5 – 14**, the bible tells us how Pharaoh refused to listen to God and the consequences that happened as a result of his behavior. The same for Korah in **Numbers 16**. He also refused to listen to Moses and the negative consequences took place!

The story of the Pharisee's – Men who believed in the coming of the Messiah, but did not believe that Jesus Christ was the Messiah (**Matthew 3:7 ; 23:13 , Mark 2:18 ; 7:3, Luke 11:42; 16:14; John 3:1; 11:47**)

The story of Zacharias – He prayed for a child and God granted his wish, but fear and doubt got the best of him even after Gabriel (the Angel) told him face to face it was going to happen. (**Luke 1:5–25**)

The story of Ananias & Sapphira – They wanted attention and became greedy! They lied to the Holy Spirit and did not have to. They knew God and His teachings. (**Acts 5**)

All these stories end up with strong disciplinary consequences because they refused to or thought they could get away with not listening to God! Today many have thought and some do think the same way and we have a book (**BIBLE**) that tells us what happened to those in earlier years. We must be sensitive to His word at all times. How do we do this? **Proverbs 1:7** tells us how! Listen to God. Let Him speak to your heart. [It is truly for our own good.](#)

SCRIPTURE READING
PROVERBS 1:22

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There some things money can't buy – like salvation.

