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**A FAITH THAT WORKS: LISTEN MORE**  
**James 1:19**

**Listen. James 1:19; Prov. 12:15; 17:28; 18:13; 29:20**

- God speaks to **us**, and we need to listen. Gen. 3:8; 8:15; 12:1-4; 46:2; Ex. 3:2-4; 20:1; Is. 6:8; Jer. 1:8; Matt. 1:20-24; Luke 1:28; 2:10-24; Acts 8:26; 9:49; 10:10-11; 2 Cor. 12:8-9
- We speak to God, and **He** listens. Jer. 29:11; 33:3; Ps. 10:17; 145:19; Mark 1:35; Luke 4:42; 5:16
- We **need** to listen to other people.

**How to make sense of what we have heard. James 1:19**

- Is what we heard **truly** from God? Rom. 11:33; 1 Pet. 1:6; Ps. 139:1-4; 2 Tim. 2:13; John 3:16
- Is what we heard **based** in God's Word? Matt. 5-7; Eph. 4:32; Matt. 26:36-46; 2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 5:16-26
- Is what we heard **wise**? Rom. 11:33-34; Is. 55:8-9; 9:6; Dan. 2:20-22
- Is what we heard **true** to our character? Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:7-11; Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Pet. 4:10-11
- Is what we heard from God **affirmed** by others? Prov. 11:14; 12:15; 19:20, 23

**What can keep us from not hearing God (listening). James 1:19**

- Lack of asking God to improve our **ability** to hear. Luke 18:1-8; Matt. 7:7-8; 26:36-46; 1 Thess. 5:17; Mark 5:25-31
- Our lives are too **busy** and too noisy. Ps. 46:10; Zech. 2:13; Ps. 37:7; Luke 10:38-42; Ps. 62:5-6; Mark 4:39
- Our neglect to **hide** God's Word in our hearts. Ps. 119:11; 37:13; Col. 3:16; Prov. 3:5; Ps. 46:8
- Our neglect of dealing with the **sin** in our lives. Ps. 66:18; 34:15; 145:19; Prov. 15:29; 28:9; Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:17