

Friday, June 5, 2020

Here's what WE are called to do in Scripture  
to align ourselves with the Holy Spirit's work in our lives...

These days following Pentecost, let's adapt and adopt these Scriptures...into prayers!

*"Father, in the name of Jesus,  
please make these truths from your Word  
about your Holy Spirit  
a living reality in our lives!"*

- May we listen to the Spirit's voice...

and particularly to the Spirit's voice in the pages of Scripture...

REVELATION 2:7 (NCV)

"EVERY PERSON WHO HAS EARS SHOULD **LISTEN** TO WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS to the churches. To those who win the victory I will give the right to eat the fruit from the tree of life, which is in the garden of God."

REVELATION 2:11 (NCV)

"EVERY PERSON WHO HAS EARS SHOULD **LISTEN** TO WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS to the churches. Those who win the victory will not be hurt by the second death."

REVELATION 2:17 (NCV)

"EVERY PERSON WHO HAS EARS SHOULD **LISTEN** TO WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS to the churches. I will give some of the hidden manna to everyone who wins the victory. I will also give to each one who wins the victory a white stone with a new name written on it. No one knows this new name except the one who receives it."

REVELATION 2:29 (NCV)

"EVERY PERSON WHO HAS EARS SHOULD **LISTEN** TO WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS to the churches."

REVELATION 3:6 (NCV)

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REVELATION 3:13 (NCV)

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REVELATION 3:22 (NCV)

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■ So we pray, "Father, we have ears, and we thank you for them. We would be very sad indeed to not be able to hear the quiet trickle of a mountain stream, or the roar of a waterfall, or the giggles of our grandchildren, or our wonderful worship band on Sunday mornings!

**But your Word tells us — SEVEN TIMES! — that it is in fact possible for us to have ears...and yet to not hear, to not listen to, to not pay attention to the things that the Spirit is saying to the churches! So we thank you for our ears — but we also ask you to help us awaken our hearts to carefully attend to whatever your Spirit wants to communicate to us.**

**We want to follow young Samuel's example when you spoke to him in the temple: 'Speak, Lord! Your servant is LISTENING!'**

**We are eager to know, as the prophet Jeremiah was once asked anxiously, "Is there any word from the Lord?" (Jeremiah 37:17)**

**We would be devastated to live in a time when 'the word of the Lord was rare' because of our stubborn refusal to listen (1 Samuel 3:1)!**

**We want to repent — to turn away from the constant hum and chatter of our noisy cell phones and ear-numbing environment and babbling social media feeds and nonstop "talking heads" — so we can turn back to you...and learn to live lives of quietness, rest and trust (Isaiah 30:15) — so that 'Whether we turn to the right or to the left, our ears will hear a voice behind us, saying, "This is the way; walk in it" ' (Isaiah 30:21)."**

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*Abba Father,  
thanking you for being a God who speaks.  
We want to know you more.*

*Jesus, our Anointed King,  
we want to hear your voice.*

*Holy Spirit,  
if you've got something to say,  
we would sure love to hear it!*

*"Speak, Lord, your servants are listening!"*

AMEN!

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