

**“GOS IS SUPREME IN 2019”**

**DEVELOPING A LISTENING EAR TO GOD**

 Isaiah 30:21

 **Bible Fact: God expects** for His chosen, i.e. saved people, to hear His voice in order for them to demonstrate and communicate an effective response of obedience and **acceptance** of His will.

**The Big Idea:** By developing a **sensitive spiritual ear** to the voice of God the faith, righteousness, peace, prosperity, power and joy of every believer will become more **personally rewarding** and to the glory of God.

**Lesson 8**

**Hearing is the ability to collect, process and interpret sound.**

**Arabian horses go through rigorous training in the deserts of the Middle East. The trainers require absolute obedience from the horses, and test them to see if they are completely trained. The final test is almost beyond the endurance of any living thing. The trainers force the horses to do without water for many days. Then he turns them loose and of course they start running toward the water, but just as they get to the edge, ready to plunge in and drink, the trainer blows his whistle. The horses who have been completely trained and who have learned perfect obedience, stop. They turn around and come pacing back to the trainer. They stand there quivering, wanting water, but they wait in perfect obedience. When the trainer is sure that he has their obedience he gives them a signal to go back to drink.**

**Now this may be severe but when you are on the trackless desert of Arabia and your life is entrusted to a horse, you had better have a trained obedient horse. We must accept God’s training and obey Him.---Source unknown**

There are **12 spiritual resources and tools Christians must effectively use to develop a listening ear to God.**

1. **FAITH: Faith is THE spiritual source that Christians use to form and maintain their relationship with God. By faith Christians hear God and follow Him as a proper response to the voice of the Word of God.**
* **Faith = to follow God (in harmony or in agreement with God)**
1. **OBEDIENCE: the action performed after believing God**
2. **Obedience is compliance in faith as you hear from God;**
* **Genesis 12:1,4 = the unconditional will to be with God and obey God**
* **Hebrew 11:8 = to respond to God without questions and without**

 **knowledge**

* **Romans 4:20,21 = not to hesitate or to calculate on a response to God.**
* **Exodus 3:1-12 = to believe with action to an unnatural experience with**

 **God (an epiphany)**

* **Ruth 1:16-18 = the unconditional conviction of heart to an**

 **unquestionable commitment**

* **Esther 4:8-17 = ignoring all norms to take a risk to learn with God**

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