



Sermon Notes

My Christmas Story – I am Listening
December 26, 2021

Hark: *listen, lend an ear, pay attention*

Herald: *an official messenger bringing news; a person or thing viewed as a sign that something is about to happen*

Hark! *Are you listening?*

Isaiah 9:6

*⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given...*

Romans 3:25

²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith....

Romans 5:6, 8

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 3:19-20

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Hebrews 2:16-18 The Message (MSG)

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ It's obvious, of course, that he didn't go to all this trouble for angels. It was for people like us, children of Abraham. That's why he had to enter into every detail of human life. Then, when he came before God as high priest to get rid of the people's sins, he would have already experienced it all himself—all the pain, all the testing—and would be able to help where help was needed.

A gift exchange is not complete if the gift is not received.

John 4:10

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

When God promises, He delivers!



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1 Corinthians 2:9

⁹ *However, as it is written:*

*“What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived”—
the things God has prepared for those who love him*

God isn't preparing my miracle for me, He's preparing me for my miracle.

Isaiah 66:9

⁹ *Do I bring to the moment of birth
and not give delivery?” says the LORD.
“Do I close up the womb
when I bring to delivery?” says your God.*

Numbers 23:19

¹⁹ *God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.
Does he speak and then not act?
Does he promise and not fulfill?*

Philippians 1:6

⁶ *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Matthew 11:15

¹⁵ *Whoever has ears, let them hear.*

Revelation 2:11

¹¹ *Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.*

Lord, I'm Listening!

James 1:22

²² *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

In a Biblical sense, “hearing” means more than physical hearing, it means belief and obedience!

