

Listening to the Holy Spirit

MOSES – The LORD says, "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I ...brought you to myself. Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure.... And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation."

(Ex 19:4-6)

PETER — "... you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light."

(1 Peter 2:9)



MOSES - "These are the commands ... that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you. You must obey them in the land you are about to enter. ... Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey." (Deut 6:1-3)

PETER — "So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. ... So you must live as God's obedient children." (1 Peter 1:13,14)



MOSES – "For you are a holy people, who belong to the LORD your God." (Deut 7:6)

PETER — "... now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15,16)

MOSES - "The Lord loves you ... and he was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors. That is why the Lord rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt." (Deut 7:7-8)

PETER – For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God."

(1 Peter 1:18-19)







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Geographical journey to a new destination



Slaves forced to listen and obey god Pharaoh

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Relational journey of transformation

Psalm 81:8-13

Listen to me, O my people, while I give you stern warnings. O Israel, if you would only listen to me! You must never have a foreign god; you must not bow down before a false god. For it was I, the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it with good things.



But no, my people wouldn't listen. Israel did not want me around.

So I let them follow their own stubborn desires, living according to their own ideas.

Oh, that my people would listen to me!

Oh, that Israel would follow me, walking in my paths!



So God sent the prophets "This is what the LORD says..."





Then God sends his son

Jesus

and speaks

"this is my dearly loved Son,

listen to him."

(Matthew 17:5)

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What does Jesus say?



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Relational journey of transformation

How are we living?
How are we listening?

Believing that God wants to relocate us?

Or believing that God is taking us on a journey of radical transformation?

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So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. (1 Peter 1:14-15)



How do we live holy lives?

We listen and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit.



What does the Holy Spirit say?



Loved by God
Accepted and forgiven in Christ
No condemnation in Christ
No shame in Christ



Loved by God Accepted and forgiven in Christ No condemnation in Christ No shame in Christ No sin in Christ Be holy

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The Holy Spirit is given to us "that we might know and experience the absolute presence of God in unmistakable reality without being overcome – so that we in our turn might be the holy people. ... and there is no deeper need in the church today than holiness. Holiness that is born of living before the absolute presence of God, ... must be the core of the character of God's people."

(Os Guinness, Impossible People, p 222)



