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Savings in Jeremiah (1)

Through the course of years, I have read the Book of Jeremiah many times, and as I've read, I have taken note of what I consider sayings from the pen (mouth) of the Lord's prophet that are interesting. What strikes me as interesting may not strike you the same way, but I thought I would develop a thought or two from those sayings, those expressions. I begin in chapter 6.

Jeremiah 6:10, notice the various versions of the English Bible:

KJV: O whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

NET: Who would listen if I spoke to them and warned them? Their ears are so closed that they cannot hear! Indeed, what the LORD says is offensive to them. They do not like it at all.

ESV: To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are uncircumcised, they cannot listen; behold, the word of the LORD is to them an object of scorn; they take no pleasure in it.

If one is not familiar with the language of the Bible, then perhaps the idea behind an "uncircumcised ear" is perplexing. The NET gives the actual sense of what was said by the prophet. With that said, looking at the versions, the three English Bibles give no significant (or insignificant) difference in what is said. The Lord gives warning, but who listens? To ask is to answer, and this is what makes Jeremiah's task so difficult because no one (hyperbole) was going to listen. Why won't they listen? Because their ears are uncircumcised (closed); uncircumcised (closed) ears can't hear, like an uncircumcised heart refusing to submit to the Lord. Those who couldn't hear first began with a refusal to hear.

The Hebrews writer says, Therefore, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will (2:1-4, ESV).

It should go without saying that it is of utmost importance that we who identify with the Lord should make it a point to hear the Lord. It should go without saying, but it can't. In Jeremiah's day, the same should have been thought, but as it is today, so it was then, many refuse. The consequences of such an action is the Lord's displeasure and the subject's damnation. The Lord's prophet warns.

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Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom Song Leader: Doug **Opening Hymn:** 49—Kneel At The Cross **Opening Prayer: Dale** Hvmn: **207—The Lily Of The Valley** Scripture Reading: Ryan Hebrews 2:1-4 Hymn: 155—Christ Arose Lord's Supper: Robert Hymn: 646—Just A Little Talk With Jesus Sermon: Tom **Invitation Hymn:** 623—Why Do You Wait? Closing Hymn: **68—Count Your Blessings Closing Prayer: Ray**

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. Dr Seuss

CALENDAR

- Nov. 19—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Tom
- Nov. 19-(b) Connor
- Nov. 19-(b) Dillon
- Nov. 22—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.
- Nov. 22—(b) Ray
- Nov. 25—(a) Larry & Ruth
- Nov. 26—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker
- Dec. 3—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Business meeting
- Dec. 6—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.
- Dec. 9—(b) Megan
- Dec. 10—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am Website: Chardonchurchofchrist.org E-mail: church_of_Christ@roadrunner.com Pod Cast: Chardon.podbeam.com Follow us on Facebook: Church of Christ Audio Service: 312-626-6799 Zoom I.D.: 81430241090 Password: 444015		
ANGELS EARNEST GHOST GREAT HOLY MORE REWARD SPOKEN WITNESS WONDERS	Hear Hebrews 2:1-4 WORD LIST CONFIMED DISOBEDIENCE ESCAPE FIRST GIFTS GIVE HEARD HEED JUST LORD NEGLECT RECOMPECE SIGNS SLIP STEDFAST TIME TRANSGRESSION WORD	 PRAYER LIST Mynda's sisters-in-law Father is now on Hospice. Her Injured Achilles tendon. As she travels. Celeste's mother in law Amy's heart Nina & Tom health issues and up coming procedures Mark and Debbie as they travel. Mark's back and Heart procedure recovery Tom's Bible Study with Roberta, Channing, and Kris. Bonnie grandsons Devin & Dakota, Rhonda Wanda's migraines; son Allen, sisters Lorraine & Joyce . Her niece Nikki in bad accident Her niece Lorrie had a heart attack Mary and family. Mary's friend Aubrey's pregnancy. Kathy, is home Her sister is in rehab. Linda's health, Tiffany's health & stress & family 2 1/2 year old baby with terminal cancer. Zarna and her family
NPSS		Juanita, is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, and the rest of her family. Her sister Betty passed away last week.
Βυος	RCJESIUROGB	Ray and Barbara and their family.
Ј N С К	NIARRTKESEE	Dale's health issues, headaches and his family. His Mother. heart and lungs. 7 year old
DQJG	ERFSEVXPTLC	girl, Lucie, with leukemia. His uncle James
RNLD	NNTMDWORDSN	sadly has passed away. Cousin Kenny hernia,
ODEE	HEMONRAUQWE	Cousin Joshua heart Issues, Cousin Randal physical & mental health
		Ray's and his family. Rebecca's knee & illness
LHSI	DANROSAROII	Asher's surgery recovery, Steven health Pat and her family
GTOF	FEMEW×IEDTD	Robert's friend Freeman with cancer
TIAL	GOSSSNPIHNE	Randy health issues & tests
PSVL	YIPCTAERGEB	Brenda's has pneumonia , her sister Linda and sister-in-law Linda as they
TWEE	GIBAKWORGSO	struggle with cancer. Her son
UCZN	LCPPGIFTSSS	Mark heart, granddaughter Amanda Lenise—knee problems.
		The nations at war
TUSS NOIS	R E C O M P E N C E I S E R G S N A R T R D	Myron & Carol as they travel Mark Lance who has pneumonia.

Hebrews 2:1-4

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. ² For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; ³ How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; ⁴ God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?