



**DAY 13**



## LISTEN / SILENT

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**If you listen obediently to the Voice of GOD, your God, and heartily obey all his commandments that I command you today, GOD, your God, will place you on high, high above all the nations of the world. All these blessings will come down on you and spread out beyond you because you have responded to the Voice of GOD, your God.**

**Deuteronomy 28:1-2**

Every Sunday in the Baptist church where I grew up, we sang a call to worship based on Habakkuk 2:20: "The LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him."

The chant-like tune by George F. Root fit the text perfectly, and the volume tapered off to near-silence by the end. You could have heard a pin drop.

Famed pianist Alfred Brendel said, "The word 'listen' contains the same letters as the word 'silent.'" We have to get silent in order to listen. And listening is hard, isn't it? Just try sitting silently for five minutes, listening for God's still, small voice.



Listening obediently is even harder. But in the 34 chapters of Deuteronomy, the Israelites are commanded to listen to God 30 times. He is ready to let them know what to do next...if they will listen and obey. And He is ready to bless them. If they will listen and obey, He will bless and lift them up.

God still speaks. He still commands and blesses. He still expects us to let our blessings flow out beyond us. We just have to listen.

How can you develop the desire to hear and obey the voice of God?

What is hardest for you: waiting patiently, listening silently, or obeying willingly?

*Holy Father God, help us to be silent before you. Help us to listen to Your commandments. Help us to obey them heartily! Bless us, and help us bless others. In Jesus' name, amen.*

– SUSAN SPOON –

