



# ROLE OF THE “AUDIENCE”

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  - + **Matt 18:20**
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  - + Heb 10:24-25

*For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.*

- God is with us
- Gives us comfort

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*And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

- Love one another
- Selfishness leads us to forsake
- We all need encouragement

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  - + **1 Thes 5:11-12**
  - + Eph 4:29
  - + Prov 12:25
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*Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you*

- Preachers / Elders needs encouragement too
- Both during and after sermon

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*Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

- How we discuss sermons afterwards
  - + Our words reflect our heart (Matt 15:18)
- Prov 15:23 - “A word spoken in due season, how good it is



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*Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.*

- Preachers get nervous
- High stakes
- Good words help

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*6. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.*

*9. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

- Unappreciation can cause us to grow weary

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*Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him*

- We will receive our “reward” if we disobey
- Take Word of God seriously

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*He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.*

- We've been given all that we need
- We have no excuse on Judgement Day

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*There is gold and a multitude of rubies, But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.*

- How much do we value teaching from God's Word
- Secular vs. Spiritual

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- Have an open mind
  - + **2 Cor 3:15-18**
  - + Matt 13:13-15

*But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

- Jews rejected Christ
- “minds were hardened (vs. 14)
- We cannot learn if we know everything

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*Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'*

- Hearing does us no good if we don't understand.

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  - + **Gal 2:11-12**
  - + 2 Pet 3:16

*Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.*

- Peter and Paul both made mistakes
- Mistakes aren't malicious
- Correct with love



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*As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.*

- Malicious twisting of the Scriptures
- We must all be on the watch
- Requires a good foundation

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  - + 2 Pet 3:16
- Test what is spoken:
  - + **2 Pet 2:1-3**
  - + 1 John 4:1
  - + Acts 17:10-12

*But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in **destructive** heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.*

- Nothing new
- Among us
- Terrible consequences

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*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

- John loves the readers
- A test is required to discern false teaching

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*11. These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*

- No harm comes from testing what is taught
- We either find false teaching or become better teachers

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  - + Phil 4:9

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

- Just hearing does us no good
- The sermon should leave the building with us.
- Deceive ourselves into thinking we are doing something

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*The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.*

- Teaching will convict us
- Do what we learn and have peace

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- Teach Others:
  - + **Matt 28:19**
  - + 1 Pet 3:15

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

- Come to church so we can “go” teach
- Making disciples takes more than knowledge
- Takes action on our part

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*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear*

- Passive teaching
- Must have knowledge to answer questions
- Answering in the right way can be more difficult
- Sermons give us material



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- Take the invitation seriously:
  - + **1 Tim 2:4**
  - + James 5:16
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*who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

- God wants everyone to respond
- This is their chance
- Don't be a distraction

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*Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

- We can confess our sins in many ways
- All include prayer
- Sermons may lead to confession

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*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

- Always be mindful of the judgement
- Love one another

