

# Hearken

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DICTIONARY OF SCRIPTURAL & RELIGIOUS TERMS

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The word *hearken*, or a form of it, is found 235 times in the KJV Bible. It is a very simple word which means *to listen*.

However, in Scripture, *hearken* often suggests **careful** listening. When our blessed God speaks, it is very important that we carefully listen to hear whatever He is telling us.

The Lord Jesus often told those to whom He spoke to *hearken*, or we may say, to listen **very carefully**. He is God, and when He was here on this earth and spoke to people (whom He created), nothing was more important than that those people would very carefully listen and consider what He told them.

It is the same for us today. Our Lord Jesus may not be walking here today in flesh, for He is presently seated at the right hand of God the Father (see Hebrews 2). But He is the Word (see John 1) and He has given us His written word which are God's divine revelations to mankind. Today we *hearken* to Him by carefully reading the Bible (God's Word) and spending much time thinking about what He tells us in His Word.

*“And when He [Jesus] had called all the people unto Him, He said unto them, Hearken unto Me every one of you, and understand”* (Mark 7:14).

If a person is working at a job and his or her boss comes to them and says, “Listen very carefully to what I am going to tell you”, there would be no question as to the seriousness of what the boss was about to say. Nor would there be any question about the hired person listening (or ‘*hearkening*’) to what they were about to be told.

Think, dear reader, how infinitely more important it is that you and I and every soul in this world, would very, very carefully and seriously, listen-hearken to what our Creator God has to say to us!!