

Pastors Thoughts of the Week

The Lord Heard

Malachi 3:16: ¶Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

This remarkable declaration reminds us that the everlasting Maker of heaven and earth takes special note of our holy conversations. One is tempted to think that He would have more important matters to tend to then to bend His ear and listen in on out trivial conversations. But the text cannot lie. So delightful is His reaction that He summons the recording angel to devote a page in the book of remembrance to our divine discourse. And unlike Ahasuerus, who at first, failed to reward Mordecai for his life-saving warning, we can rest assured that the omniscient Arbiter of perfect justice shall reward those who even but think upon His name.

We are reminded that the Lord is listening. He listens to our prayers. He listens to our complaints. He listens to our gossip. He listens to every idle word that proceeds out of our mouths. But most intriguingly, He listens to those sacred exchanges when we include Him in our daily dialogue with friends, workmates and neighbors. I imagine that there is a dutiful recording cherub who acts as the angelic amanuensis carefully inscribing every syllable of words that will have eternal endurance.

In the midst of Job's fiery trials, his faith stood the test and his request was entered into the book of remembrance: "Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!For I know that my redeemer liveth" Job 19:23-24.

Our words, though far less eloquent, are not less important to our Savior. Let us then find ourselves engaged in heavenly colloquy that exalts that Name which is "above all names". And in so doing insure that we shall one day hear those words reiterated in the halls of glory.

Have a blessed week,

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Faith cometh by hearing: and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17