

## **Listening to the Ministry Introduction**

Scripture Reading: Gal. 3:2, 5, 20, 9, 14; Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11, 30; 10:17

- I. **To receive the Spirit by faith is God's revealed way; it is in the light of God's revelation and issues in life and glory; hence, we must treasure faith, not the works of law; it is by the hearing of faith that we have received the Spirit that we may participate in God's promised blessing and live Christ—8:2, 6, 10-11, 30:**
  - A. God's New Testament economy is a matter of supplying the Spirit and receiving the Spirit; on God's side, He supplies the Spirit; on our side, we receive the Spirit; the supplying of the Spirit and the receiving of the Spirit do not take place once for all; on the contrary, they are continual—Gal. 3:5; John 3:34; 7:38.
  - B. Both the supplying of the Spirit and the receiving of the Spirit are by the hearing of faith, not by the works of law—Gal. 3:2, 5.
- II. **We all should declare that we are hearing Christians, not working Christians; to hear is a great blessing; we come together for the hearing of faith; by this hearing we receive the supply of the Spirit—1 Tim. 1:4; Gal. 3:5.**
- III. **As we hear about those things in which we are to believe, faith is produced within us; the more we hear about these good things, the more we appreciate them; spontaneously this appreciation issues in our believing in those very things about which we have heard—Rom. 10:17:**
  - A. People hear of God's grace; then they appreciate it and call upon the Lord; they go on to receive, accept, join, partake of, and enjoy this grace, which is the Triune God processed to be everything to us; this is faith—John 3:16; 1:12; Rom. 10:9, 13.
  - B. In His New Testament economy God intends to make us hearers of faith; this faith is the reflection of the Triune God processed to become our all-inclusive grace; God desires that we become those who continually hear the faith; through this enjoyment we become one with Him; we become a universal and eternal entity to express His marvelous divinity—Gal. 3:14.

## **Listening to the Ministry Workshop**

- I. **The Life-Study of the Bible with Witness Lee from [www.lsmradio.org](http://www.lsmradio.org):**
  - A. Subscribing to Podcasts via iTunes, Google play, AntennaPod.
  - B. Downloading audio files.
- II. **Listening to Purchased ePublications:**
  - A. Google Playbooks on Android devices.
  - B. Google Playbooks, iBooks, Kindle on iOS devices (Speak Screen on iOS 8+).
- III. **Listening to the Free Text only Electronic Edition of the Holy Bible Recovery Version:**
  - A. AndBible on Android devices.
  - B. PocketSword on iOS.
- IV. **Audio Books:**
  - A. Audio reading of the New Testament Recovery Version at [www.livingstream.com](http://www.livingstream.com).
  - B. Free audio books from <https://www.lsm.org/audio.html>.
    1. The Word of Christ in songs.
    2. The Divine Stream.
- V. **Audio and video messages from [www.lsmwebcast.com](http://www.lsmwebcast.com) (covered another session).**

## Listening to the Ministry Exercise Handout

- I. **Enabling audio reading through Google Play books app on Android devices:**
  - A. If you haven't already, turn on TalkBack.
  - B. Open Play Books Play Books.
    1. If you already have the book, find it in the "Library" or "Home" screens.
    2. If you don't have the book, search for it at the top of the "Home" screen, then pick a result and download the book.
  - C. Open the book.
  - D. Tap the screen, then double-tap to enter skim mode.
  - E. Select More and then Read aloud.
    1. To move through the text on a page, swipe.
    2. To flip pages, two-finger swipe left or right.

(Note: adapted from: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1062965>)
- II. **How to Enable Speak Screen (TTS; works only on devices running iOS 8 and newer):**
  - A. Open the Settings App.
  - B. Select the General tab then Accessibility > Speech > toggle Speak Screen on.

(Note: The settings page here also allows for changing voices, adjusting speaking speed, and enabling highlighting.)
  - C. Open ebook reader application of your choice (iBooks, Google Play books, etc.).
  - D. Activate Speak Screen by swiping down from the top of the screen with two fingers.
  - E. The Speak Screen onscreen menu allows for pause, play, go back, go forward, and change rate of speech; the menu can be minimized by tapping the arrow.