



GULF SHORES
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LESSON #4: **5 Examples of Poor Listening**

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INTRODUCTION: The Bible has much to say about listening and hearing. Jesus says, “*He who has ears to hear*” over a dozen times! This is said in the Gospels and in the Revelation of John. I am convinced that many today do not appreciate the importance of listening. We know that hearing someone is important, and essential for good communication, but we often fail to listen up! In this series I want us to consider some things to help us become better listeners. In this lesson we will discuss 5 poor listeners. Let’s study together....

DISCUSSION:

I. The Israelites Were Poor Listeners

Judges 2:7-23, Psalm 81:11,
Luke 11:28

II. King Saul Was a Poor Listener

I Samuel 15:1-35, Proverbs 16:20,
James 1:22

III. King Rehoboam Was a Poor Listener

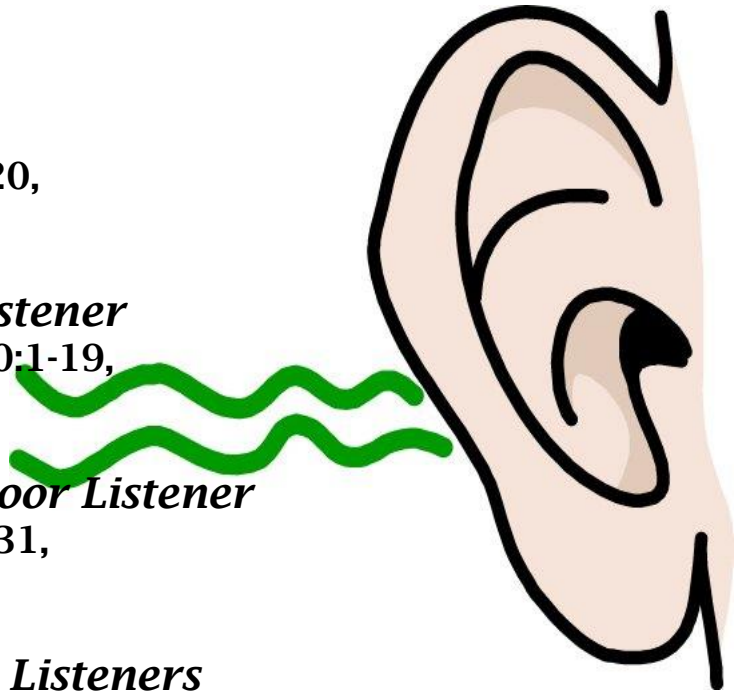
I Kings 12:1-20, II Chronicles 10:1-19,
Matthew 7:24

IV. The Rich Young Ruler Was a Poor Listener

Matthew 19:16-22, Mark 10:17-31,
Luke 18:18-30

V. The Jewish Leaders Were Poor Listeners

John 9:1-41, Proverbs 8:32,
Proverbs 19:27



CONCLUSION: Listening to God is very important (**Isaiah 35:5, 55:2-3, Romans 10:17**), but it is also very important to listen to others (**Romans 10:14, James 1:19**). Jesus emphasized the need to listen throughout His ministry. Listening is good for the soul. Do you have an attentive ear to those around you (**Acts 15:12**)? Are you listening to the Lord (**Luke 9:35**)? Are you obeying His Word (**Luke 6:46**)? It is time to listen up!