

The Last Word

"Know this, my beloved brothers: Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." James 1:19 (English Standard Version)

Page: "Having the last word ... feels like a _____. But it _____ is."

A Proud King Who Would Not Listen

A. 1 Samuel 15 - An occasion when Saul would not listen:

1. 15:12 - The first _____ sign is that Saul built a _____ to himself.
2. 15:13-15 - "I have _____ the commandment of the _____." But had he?
3. 15:16 - " _____!" to hear what the Lord _____ to me.
4. 15:22 - To _____ is _____ than the fat of rams.
5. 15:27,28 - In his _____ Saul _____ Samuel's robe. His kingdom would be _____ from Saul.

B. James 1:19-21 - It is always wise to be _____ to hear and slow to _____. How else can we know what is _____?

Who Will Have The Last Word?

A. "Hear, O Israel!"

1. Deuteronomy 6:4-6 - The " _____ " was recited _____ each day by faithful Jews.
2. Wright: It was a summons by _____ to _____ God's word.

B. Who will hear God's word?

1. This is more than _____ hearing, where we hear only what we _____ to hear.
2. Zechariah 7:8-12 - When God spoke, they _____ their ears, and made their hearts _____ - _____.
3. Matthew 13:15 - Hearts grow _____ in a _____ process.
4. Hebrews 2:1 - Since God has spoken to us by His _____, we are to _____ close _____ to what is said.
5. Philippians 2:9-11 - There is coming a day when _____ will hear God's _____.

C. Matthew 25:34,41 - _____ will have the _____ word when He declares our _____ destiny.

Luke 6:46,47 - Why call Jesus " _____ " if we don't _____ what He tells us? We must not only _____ His word, but also _____ it.

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