

## INI-SDG

In the Name of Jesus – To God Alone the Glory

11.15.2009 Pentecost 24 – St. Stephen Lutheran (West Bay) Mountain View, CA

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**28 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 "and come forth -- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.**

Prayer: Let the Words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight oh Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

What do you think about that word... "Amen?" (Prayers? Hymns? Why?)

V25 (avmh.n avmh.n) = Verily verily, truly truly, most assuredly = there is no doubt!

(Malachi 4:1) = Like "Behold" – pay special attention to these words

Review = relationship of Paul Revere to Malachi and Malachi to YOU...

(V25a) = Last week's theme: "The hour is coming, the hour is coming"

What if? = words were said... [Mouth words] not audible (sound not picked up)

What if? = words were said... But in one ear and out the other (not attentive)

What if? = words were said... Heard the sound and listened to understand

### The Difference between "Hearing" and "Listening"

#### 1. Live to Listen

V25 Most assuredly? = "the hour is coming!"

= (Moment, occasion, indefinite period of time; late)

- "and now is?" = Son of God (Jesus) raises the dead (John 11:43-44)

V27 - Son has authority = (to exercise authority over life and death)

V25b Hear what voice? = Voice of life – from God Himself (Words are LIFE!)

*The art of communication* = Hearing and ACTUALLY Listening (imagine that?)

Personal life = I'll pick on my family (kids and me; me and wife; work? ALL!)

*Illustration* = 2 ears/1 mouth (God created you that way!) Why? (James 1:19-24)

What does it mean to "Live to Listen?" = Not just hearing (listening) to God's Word

How? = It means attentively (getting enough sleep/rest-meet God tomorrow?)

= It means carefully (Acts 17:10-11) – check the product delivered!

= It means reverently (Holy ground) (V25; Eph 5:14-17) Understand.

Why? = So that you will Live in Christ – in this life and the one to come! (V24)

### The Difference between "Hearing" and "Listening"

#### 2. Hope to Hear

V28-29 "Do not marvel" = do not "wonder" at this truth. (Amen, Amen!)

= "the hour is [also] coming" (Judgment Day)

"ALL" = in graves will hear His voice – and come forth (from dead/tombs)

- All will hear Jesus' voice

- His voice will NOT go in one ear and out the other

- All will understand that Jesus was/is "Son of God/Man" (25,26)

- Hope to Hear? = My HOPE - *this* truth! I WILL hear! (1 Cor. 15:22-23)

Most people believe in an afterlife... why some to life, some to condemnation?

V29 Have I done good or evil? (Rev 20:12)

= We love evil! It is entertaining. It is natural (sinful nature) (John 3:19)

Rely on ourselves? = "good" behavior (Matthew 19:17) no one good, but God!

= How does Christ define "good?" (John 6:28-29)

V27 Christ is Judge! = Perhaps like a court room (V24)

- Verdict? = Declared not guilty (paid our bail)

Saints Triumphant Sunday? = Saint (Holy, as a result, on account of Christ!)

Hear that? = Forgiven! Holy! Declared righteous despite my sin in Christ

Now what? =

Live your life... to listen to:

What the Word of God speaks about your Savior and your life in Him.

Hope!... Confident you will Hear:

The Words of God that will sound when He returns and raises your body from death to life.

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