

<p>A.INTRODUCTION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ God is reminding us no matter where we are or what we're going through that He is the God who listens. 	
<p>B.BACKGROUND OF TODAY'S TEXT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King David is under attack, cried out to God, recognizing the feeling <i>as if</i> God was not listening. • Yet, as he writes this psalm to reassure himself and God's people that God listens: a message that will be echoed for generations to come. 	<p>☉Self-reflection.</p> <p>⊕ <i>If my God is a <u>God who listens</u>, what difference does it make in my life?</i></p>
<p>1. START with Him (verses 1–3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ David starts with God because he knew that God reign supremely over his life. 	<p>a) <i>What is our attitude towards God? Do we only turn to God as our last lifeline when we've exhausted all other options?</i></p>
<p>2.TRUST in Him (verses 4–7):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ David trusts not only in God's character but also in His covenant. 	<p>b) <i>Can we honestly still trust God's character and his covenant when we're being attacked by evildoers?</i></p>
<p>3.FOLLOW Him (verses 8–10):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ David is following God and he wants Him to lead him in what He declares is right. 	<p>c) <i>Can we say, like David, that we want to see the clear path God intends us to follow so that we do not wonder off the straight and narrow path?</i></p>
<p>4.PRAISE Him (verses 11–12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ David reflects about how God protects and bless the righteous person, he erupts in praise. ▶ The Hebrew word <u>praise</u>, <i>hālal</i> (לָלַל) simply means to boast. ▶ Who do you brag about, reflects who your God actually is? 	<p>d) <i>When was the last time you boasted about the God who listens?</i></p>
<p>☉ Note that self-reflection questions "a" and "d" reflect our posture towards God (Matthew 6:21).</p>	<p>☉Self-examination "in" our hearts.</p>
<p>c. CONCLUSION.</p> <p>☉IMAGINE How the Church of Jesus Christ would look so <i>distinctively different</i>, only if God's people were boasting about the God who listens?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maybe, the reason why our world is in the situation where it is right now, is because God's people are too busy bragging about our <i>little "g"</i> (gods) in our own lives. ☉ Instead cultivate the <i>habitus</i> "to boast in the Lord" (2 Corinthians 10:17).