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Highlight key: = grace / apart-from-works truth · = the precious gift · **bold** = key terms

2 Kings 3:17 — Valley Filled Without Rain

Kings marched with their own plan and ran out of water — enemies could defeat them easily. Solution: **inquire of the Lord**. When you hear, the valley fills without wind or rain.

- 2 Kings 3:11 — is there a prophet? *Inquire of the Lord*
- Hearing brings deliverance, healing, and prosperity
- Why come regularly? Each hearing lifts you to a higher level
- By the foolishness of preaching God delivers

2 Kings 3:11 (NIV)

*“But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no prophet of the Lord here, through whom we may **inquire** of the Lord?” — 2 Kings 3:11 (NIV)*

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Four Blessings of Hearing Summarised

Four definite outcomes when you hear the **right word**: victory, nobility, multiplied grace, and healing.

1. **Victorious** — overcome every enemy
2. **Noble** — examine Scripture daily like Bereans
3. **Grace multiplied** — 2 Peter 1:2
4. **Healed** — Lystra cripple heard Paul and leaped

Hear once	Hear again and again
Stall 40 years like Israel	Faith grows — deliverance comes
Random messages	Hear the word of Christ
Wrong syllabus	Right covenant — four blessings flow

Eating Is Fighting — Feed on Christ

Lechem = bread; **lacham** = fighting. Psalm 23 — table before enemies. Feed on the *living bread*, not random YouTube sermons.

- John 6:51 — I am the living bread from heaven
- Cripple heard Paul **continuously** — Greek continuous tense
- Knowledge of Jesus alone brings deliverance and peace
- More eating = more fighting the enemy

John 6:51 (NKJV)

*"I am the **living bread** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will **live forever**; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."* — **John 6:51 (NKJV)**

Acts 14:8-10 (NKJV) - Part 1

*"8 And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9 This man **heard Paul speaking**."* — Acts 14:8-10 (NKJV) - Part 1

James 4:7

*"**Resist the devil** and he will flee from you."* — James 4:7

Noble Like Bereans — Search the Scriptures

Acts 17:11 — Bereans were more noble: they received the word with eagerness and **examined the Scriptures daily**. The word cleanses — John 15:3.

- Examine Scripture daily — do not accept blindly
- You are clean because of the word Jesus spoke
- Ephesians 5:26 — washing of water by the word
- Noble character comes through **hearing with examination**

Acts 17:11 (NIV)

*"Now the Berean Jews were of **more noble character** than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined the Scriptures every day** to see if what Paul said was true."* — Acts 17:11 (NIV)

John 15:3 (NKJV)

*"You are already **clean because of the word** which I have spoken to you."* — John 15:3 (NKJV)

Ephesians 5:26 (NKJV)

*"that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the **washing of water by the word**,"* — Ephesians 5:26 (NKJV)

2 Peter 1:2 (NKJV)

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." — 2 Peter 1:2 (NKJV)

Healing by Hearing — Lystra Cripple

Acts 14 — a man crippled from birth **heard Paul speaking** and leaped. Not random hearing — the word of Christ with faith.

- Born crippled — one solution: keep hearing Paul
- Faith comes by hearing the **word of Christ**
- Victory over death-fear unlocks every other victory
- Authority over sickness through hearing with faith

Acts 14:8-10 (NKJV) - Part 2

*"9 Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had **faith to be healed**, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" 10 And **he leaped and walked** ." — Acts 14:8-10 (NKJV) - Part 2*

Right Covenant — First Had Fault

Hebrews 8:7 — the first covenant had **fault**. Study the ministry of death on stones and you minister death to your own life.

- 2 Corinthians 3:7 — ministry of death engraved on stones
- Letter kills; Spirit gives life
- Law = blessed for your goodness; gospel = blessed for **His cross**
- Final key: know what to hear and what **not** to hear

Ministry of death	Gospel of Christ
Law on stones	Hear word of Christ
Strength of sin is the law	Faith comes by hearing Him

Ministry of death	Gospel of Christ
First covenant fault	New covenant — right syllabus

Hebrews 8:7 (NKJV)

*“For if that **first covenant** had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a **second**.” — Hebrews 8:7 (NKJV)*

2 Corinthians 3:7 (NKJV)

*“But if the **ministry of death**, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which **glory was passing away**,” — 2 Corinthians 3:7 (NKJV)*

2 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV)

*“who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the **letter kills**, but the Spirit gives life.” — 2 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV)*

Authority Over Death — Hear and Overcome

Death is God’s **enemy**, not His appointment. Hearing the word of Christ restores authority — Mark 5:27: touch His garment by faith and be made whole.

- 1 Corinthians 15:26 — the last enemy is death
- Romans 7:10 — commandment intended for life brought death under law
- Romans 5:20 — where sin abounded, grace abounded much more
- Genesis 2:17 — death entered by disobedience; life by hearing Christ

Mark 5:27 (NKJV)

*“When she **heard about Jesus**, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.” — Mark 5:27 (NKJV)*

Romans 7:10 (NKJV)

*“And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to **bring death**.” — Romans 7:10 (NKJV)*

Romans 5:20 (NKJV)

*“Moreover the **law entered that the offense might abound**. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,” — Romans 5:20 (NKJV)*

Genesis 2:17 (NKJV)

*“but of the tree of the **knowledge of good and evil** you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die**.” — Genesis 2:17 (NKJV)*

Scripture Foundations from the Deck

These verses anchor today's teaching — read them as **gospel promises**, not a wage list.

John 13:10 (NKJV)

*“Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is **completely clean**; and you are clean, but not all of you.” — John 13:10 (NKJV)*

1 Corinthians 15:56 (NKJV)

*“The sting of death is sin, and the **strength of sin is the law**.” — 1 Corinthians 15:56 (NKJV)*

The Takeaway

1. **Valley filled without rain** — 2 Kings 3:17 through hearing.
 2. **Eating is fighting** — lechem/lacham; living bread.
 3. **Noble like Bereans** — examine Scripture daily.
 4. **Grace multiplied** — 2 Peter 1:2.
 5. **Healing by hearing** — Lystra cripple heard and leaped.
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Scripture-based study on why we must listen to the word of God for victory and healing. If it strengthened you, share it with someone who needs this truth today.

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