

DOCTRINE OF EARS

When the Lord Jesus Christ came into this world, even as a tiny baby, Deity spoke and quoted Psalm 40:6-8. This quote is presented in Heb. 10:5-7.

The expression, "A body Thou has prepared for Me," is not found in Ps. 40, instead it is, "You have pierced my ears". Becoming humanity in Heb. 10:5 is the piercing of the ears of Ps. 40:6. In the ancient world, when person chose to be a slave, he indicated that desire by allowing a hole to be placed in his ear. He was "earmarked" for life.

When Jesus Christ came into this world as the God-Man, He became "earmarked" forever. In the ages past, Deity Two volunteered to be identified with man by the Incarnation (God in the flesh). The body was the identification mark of the Hypostatic Union. Christ was actually saying, "I am here because I want to be here. I have chosen to become the Father's slave. There is nothing greater for Me than to respond as a slave to My Father's plan."

The "body" of Heb. 10:5 is the "piercing of the ear" in Ps. 40:6. The word ear is used in many different ways throughout the Word of God. We note a few:

1. Ears are used to indicate the system by which a person can grow. Rev. 2:7,11,17,29; Job 34:1-3; Pro. 18:15. "The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge."
 - a. A born-again believer delights in hearing the Word of God, if he is perceptive. He is self-disciplined and hungers for spiritual food each and every day.
 - b. No matter how great the pressures, no matter how tired the body, no matter how many distractions, the perceptive believer hungers for spiritual food for his soul. Heb. 10:25 "He does not forsake (neglect) the assembling..."

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2. Ears are used for dedication in Ps. 40:6, Ex. 21:6, Deut. 15:7. A person who consistently hears the Word of God will gain spiritual momentum and gain spiritual altitude to the Grace Life. The "earmarked" believer, and the believer with the "pierced ear" of Ps. 40:6, is actually saying, "I love the Word of God and I want the Word of God. It is more important to me than anything else. I cannot love, adore, and appreciate the Lord Jesus Christ apart from the truth; I am a slave to truth."
3. The ear is also used in the scripture for non-perception in Jer. 6:10. "To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised and they cannot hearken: behold, the Word of the Lord is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it:"
4. The ear is used to reveal apostasy leading to discipline. Isa. 6:10.
5. The ear was part of consecration of the priest in Ex. 29:20 and Lev. 8:23. Blood on the right ear indicated the function of the priesthood in communicating the written Word. As part of the dedication, blood was placed on the right ear, thumb, and big toe.
6. The healed leper had blood placed on the ear to indicate the importance of God's word as the solution to life's problems. Lev. 14:14.
7. David describes the ear is the sense of an anthropomorphism- that is, "God is said to have ears." Ps. 34:15, 17.
8. The ear as an anthropomorphism is used in the restoration of Israel from discipline. Neh. 1:6.
9. The ear as an anthropomorphism is contrasted to idols which cannot hear in Isa. 59:1; Ps. 135:17.
10. The ear is associated with gossip in Pro. 17:4. "A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue."