

Blessed be the name of our Lord JESUS.

God often speaks to us in our hearts, but many times we fail to pay attention to His voice. As a result, we end up in unnecessary troubles and hardships.

The consequences of ignoring God's voice are serious. Let us learn from the story of the prodigal son, who demanded his inheritance from his father.

Luke 15:11-13

*"Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.'"*

The son ignored the inner voice of wisdom and chose the path of self-indulgence. Scripture continues:

## Luke 15:14-16

*“After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.”*

But then comes the turning point:

## Luke 15:17-18

*“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.’”*

The phrase *“when he came to his senses”* or literally *“when he*

*considered in his heart*” shows us that God had already been speaking to him inwardly for a long time. His conscience was warning him that the path he had chosen was wrong, but he kept ignoring it—until the day he finally decided to listen.

This is how God speaks to us today. Sometimes it is through His Spirit nudging our conscience, reminding us: *“Do not go that way. Do not continue in that sin. Turn back to God.”* But many of us harden our hearts and refuse to pay attention.

The Bible says:

Proverbs 23:26

*“My son, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways.”*

The Lord does not merely want our outward actions, but our hearts. When we ignore His voice, we walk into destruction. But when we yield, repent, and return to Him, we experience restoration—just like the prodigal son.

Think about the examples:

- Jonah ignored God's voice and ran away, only to face storms and the belly of a great fish (Jonah 1:3-17).
- Israel ignored the prophets, and judgment came upon them (2 Chronicles 36:15-16).

But God is merciful. If you choose today to pay attention to His voice, He will welcome you back with open arms.

Hebrews 3:15

*"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."*

So listen to the voice that urges you to pray, to fast, to study the Word, to forgive, to serve God, or even to leave a place or

relationship that is not pleasing to Him. Ignoring that voice leads to pain, but obeying it brings life and blessing.

May the Lord help us to always consider His voice in our hearts.

If you desire to receive Jesus Christ into your life, open your heart to Him today.

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