

THE TUNED IN WOMAN – LISTENING & OBEYING

Definition:

- To agree
- To bring into consonance or accord (unity) – opposite – discord
- To synchronise – make agree, bring in line (often associated with time)
- Quality of being in pitch
- To adjust – To alter so as to make more efficient. To balance, stabilize, steady, trim.
- **To adjust with respect to resonance** – This means to echo or make a precise and exact adjustment in response to what is heard.
- Harmony, melodious - pleasing to the ear

The word tune is part of musical terminology and is related to hearing. The bible says “faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God”. Getting in tune with God is an act of faith which arises, not only from how well we hear Him, but also how we respond to what we hear.

NOTE “A” – MUSICAL TUNING

Note “A” in musical terminology is defined as standard pitch 440. It is the authority by which music is judged to be in or out of tune. The International Bureau of Standards in Colorado has an access number where you can hear pure note “A”.

- Before any orchestra begins a concert, all the members tune up to the note “A”. The beauty of the music the orchestra plays is dependant on this. Anything played out of tune with note “A” is discord.
- In Brazil there is a radio station, operated by the Pentecostal church, which beams music and scripture readings across the land. Every 7 minutes the station announces the correct time and the twice a day the musical note “A” is broadcast for a minute or two. This is to keep the people, especially those in the jungle, in tune.
- Radio tuning requires precision otherwise it is out of tune and becomes irritating to the ears.

WHO IS A WOMAN IN TUNE?

- I believe that satan recognised woman’s power of influence, so he planned to short circuit God’s plan by appealing to the first woman, Eve. Eve’s imagination sidetracked her out of synchronisation with God and her husband.
- God also knew the powerful influence of woman, so he mastered a plan. Introducing hope, deliverance and redemption to humanity through the womb of a healthy, sensitive, obedient and cooperative “in tune” woman, Mary

- To be a woman in tune means to be able to hear, that is, accurately discern, God's voice and respond by saying YES to Him! Like the musical note "A", God's word is the authority by which all our actions will be judged. The purity of our actions is dependent on how accurately we hear God's voice and how well and positively we respond to it.

A LESSON FROM GENESIS

One of the major factors that contributed to the fall of humanity is that Eve was not tuned in to God. If tuning in involves hearing and listening, then a careful study of the sequence of events in Genesis 1-3 would reveal that there was something missing. There was no excuse for disobeying God, however, what happened illustrates to us the importance of hearing directly from God and the consequences of being out of tune with Him.

- Genesis 1:26-31 – A general account of the creation of man and woman
- Genesis 2:7, 15-18, 21-25 – A more detailed and specific account of the creation of man, God's instructions and commands to him and the subsequent creation of woman
- Genesis 3:1-3 – The deception of Eve. Here satan begins his conversation with her by questioning what God had said.

Eve did not hear directly from God the instructions re: the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil. Her response therefore was distorted. She gave what was obviously her own interpretation of what God had commanded. I am sure on countless occasions she had queried Adam about the tree, perhaps worn him down with her fascination with it. Some studies suggest that

1. She was exaggerating in hopes of making God's directive so restrictive
2. Adam did not properly convey the prohibition to her

The latter seems more likely to me. Whatever the case, Eve could have inquired directly from God regarding the tree. In that case she would have known exactly what God had instructed.

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