

# Short & Sweet: She Heard



Short and Sweet Nourishment  
for the Soul

## ***She Heard***

*“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You. But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah” ...“The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.”*

Matthew 12:38-39, 42

Jesus is speaking to the crowds. While teaching from His Word, He heals a demon-possessed man of his many afflictions. The Pharisees are not happy. Like the rest of the crowd, they've been listening to Jesus preach. However, the teachers of the Law want a sign: a miracle on demand. Would they see with their eyes when they would not hear with their ears? What greater sign did they need than an exorcism? Jesus calls them

out by mentioning the queen of the South.

The queen of the South? ***She heard. She heard*** all the way from Sheba. What the Pharisees would not hear from across the temple courtyard, ***she heard*** from across the continent. 1,200 miles. And she came to hear more. Imagine being mentioned in the Bible, not because you won a great battle or conquered a terrible foe, but because you ***heard***.

I Kings 10:2 gives us little more information: She spoke to Solomon about all that was in her *heart*. That's the difference between the Pharisees and the Queen of Sheba. ***She heard*** with her heart. The Pharisees, deafened by pride, could only hear with their ears. (To learn more about the connection between the heart and the ears, look up the following verses: Deuteronomy 29:4, Proverbs 23:12, Isaiah 6:10, and Ezekiel 3:10.)

God has an antidote for deaf ears. Acts 7:51: "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you." Ask God to circumcise your ears to hear His Word.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord *and* open the ears of my heart.

In the Greek and Hebrew, *to hear* means not only to sense with the ears, but to understand, consider, comprehend, and OBEY.

Hearing God's word requires change.



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Let's follow the example of the Queen of Sheba, and do what it takes to hear from God.

***She heard.***

## Action Points:

1. How can you put yourself in a position to hear from God?
2. What noise is blocking the Word of God in your life?
3. What action can you take to hear from God today?

Life is sweet.

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