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Deuteronomy 28:1

"And it shall come to pass, if you shall hearken diligently to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully..." Deuteronomy 28:1

"You shall hearken diligently." You shall "listen listening." This is not a casual listening! This is not background music we're listening to, this "hearken diligently" demands an intensity of focus and a deliberate exercise of will. It is a literal choice to hear what is being said and to then practice what was heard. "But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." (James 1:22)

The blessings of God are never automatic, rather they are the result of deliberate choices to obey and step out in a living faith that has been produced by having heard the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17). "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." (John 10:27).

The Lord Jesus Christ having fulfilled all the law; having satisfied Divine justice on our behalf, now has access to full and abundant life. And this measure of His life and blessing is available to His people provided we learn to "listen listening" to His voice.

"Lord Jesus, teach me to listen "twice" – to "listen listening" to Your voice. As You speak LORD, I will obey. "My delight is to do Your will O God."

To "listen listening" is to discover the doorway to the blessings not only of Deuteronomy 28, but to every "promise of the Spirit." (Galatians 3:14)

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