

GOD LISTENS

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Rev 1:9-10 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.

John had been isolated from the presence of men, but even on a deserted island called Patmos, we find John in the presence of God. John was in the Spirit. John was praying. John was seeing and hearing things that nobody else saw or heard.

John heard the voice of God. He heard the voice of angels. He heard the voice of the heavenly host. Through the first seven chapters, John hears many things, but suddenly in chapter 8, the sounds stop and there was silence in heaven for about the space of half an hour.

At this point in the revelation, John had witnessed six seals being opened and John had watch God act, but now whenever it comes time for the seventh seal to be opened, John gets to see how God listens.

Rev 8:1-4 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Every song ceased. Every heavenly being grew silent and still. What was happening that heaven should grow silent? What was so important that heavenly activities should stop? What was it that had become the focus point of God?

What was happening was, God was focusing on the prayers of His people!

Whenever we pray, God listens! There has never been a prayer prayed that God hasn't heard and there has never been a tear shed that God hasn't caught.

Whether it's a sinner praying for salvation, the sick praying to be healed, a parent praying for a child, a pastor praying for a saint or a saint praying for a pastor, whenever people pray, God listens.