

Choose Life

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Luke 10:16 *"He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."*

This section of Luke reveals that one way to slam the door shut on The Lord is to look at the messenger giving the messages rather than the God of the messenger: **"The one who listens to you, listens to me. The one who rejects you, rejects me. And rejecting me is the same as rejecting God, who sent me."** (MESSAGE BIBLE).

If we accept how minutely God is engaged in our lives, then it follows that what is preached in every service has a purpose and is approved by The Almighty. Therefore, a gripe about a speaker or the message is a gripe against The Lord. Scorning the spiritual nourishment God has prepared is dangerous ground to walk on.

Such does not suggest the speaker is infallible by any means of the circumstance, but the wrong mindset dramatically lessens what we can abstract from the message. A more harmless approach would be to pray for comprehension and see how the spiritual mana is for our good (**Psalm 84:11...**"No good *thing* will He withhold from those who walk uprightly") rather than closing the door on the message or the messenger. Either we trust and have faith in God's supremacy and His compassion for us, or we do not. There is no innocent mid-ground (**Deuteronomy 30:19** "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live"). Choose Life.

At His service,
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