

Basics of Christianity

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WHAT IS THE WORD OF GOD?

"The Word of God" as Speech by God – Personal Address (Part 2)

Memorize

_____ is the one who does _____ in step with the wicked or _____ in the way that _____ take or sit in the _____ of mockers, but whose _____ is in the _____ of the LORD, _____ who meditates on his _____ day and night. (Psalm 1:_____, NIV)



Learn

The phrase "**the Word of God**" can refer to

- speech by God in the form of **decrees**
 - words of **personal address**
 - speech through **human lips**
- words in **written form** (the Bible)

Study

Watch the video about the Hebrew word *shema* and answer the following questions.

- ❖ What does *shema* mean? _____
- ❖ *Shema* doesn't just mean that you should hear something with your ears. It also means to _____ or _____.
- ❖ *Shema* can also mean that you _____ to what you hear.
- ❖ When God asks people to *shema*, He means that they should _____ AND _____.
- ❖ In the video, the narrator says (fill in the blanks):
 - "In Hebrew, _____ and _____ are two sides of the same coin."
 - "...listening in the Bible is about giving _____ to the one speaking to you and _____ what they say."
 - "Real listening takes _____ and _____."

If the individuals to whom God spoke had not believed what He said and acted on it, would that have been a sin? Explain your answer.
