

**The passion of First Melissa is to
make disciples of Jesus who:**

**Reach Intentionally
Connect Authentically
Equip Continuously
Live Passionately**



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40 Days of Faith

Why 40 Days?

40 Days in the Bible

- Goliath cursed and yelled at the Israelites for 40 days before being confronted and killed by David (1 Samuel 17:16)
- God gave Nineveh 40 days to repent (Jonah 3:4)

Source: http://www.40day.com/40_in_the_bible.html and <http://www.ecclesia.org/truth/40.html>

**"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our
God, the Lord is one!"**

Deuteronomy 6:4

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.

Sh'ma Yisra-eil, Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad.

God's Calling of Samuel

Then the Lord **came** and **stood** and **called** as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10

And Peter said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and yet **God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean."**

Acts 10:28

Jesus said, "For God so loved **the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."** John 3:16



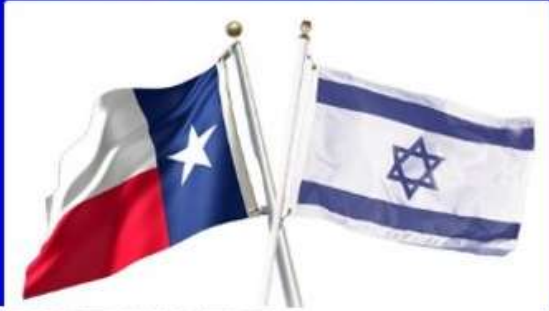
**How can I listen to God and
know what He wants for me?**

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Proverbs 2

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"All that the Lord has
spoken we will do, and
we will be obedient
shema!"

Exodus 24:7

SHEMA

Hearing + Doing = Wisdom

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SHEMA HEAR

Wisdom

Hebrew	חֵכֶּמָה	hokmah
Greek	σοφία	sophia

Definitions:

1. the art of learning how to succeed in life
2. a philosophical study of the essence of life
3. the real essence of wisdom is spiritual, for life is more than just living by a set of rules and being rewarded in some physical manner. Wisdom comes from God, it really begins with one's faith in Him as Lord and Savior

– Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary

SHEMA HEAR

My son, if you will receive my words and treasure my commandments within you, make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding;

Proverbs 2:1-2

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Effort must be expended for one to become wise. Getting wisdom involves openness, retention, hearing, applying, requesting, and diligent searching.

-Bible Knowledge Commentary

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SHEMA HEAR

for if you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding; if you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will discern the fear of the Lord and discover the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5

The serious quest for insight reaches its goal when people find God and submit themselves to Him. - New Bible Commentary

SHEMA HEAR

For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

How can I know what comes out of God's mouth? **Hear His Voice**

SHEMA HEAR

**He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a shield to those who walk in integrity
Proverbs 2:7**

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord gives
grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold
from those who walk uprightly. Psalm 84:11**

SHEMA HEAR

Guarding the paths of justice, and He preserves the way of His godly ones. Then you will discern righteousness and justice and equity and every good course. Proverbs 2:8-9

Wisdom gives positive, health-inducing moral benefits. It keeps one from evil and contributes to holiness. Wisdom is a matter of the heart, and of moral conduct, not just of intellectual attainment.

– Bible Knowledge Commentary

SHEMA HEAR

For wisdom will enter your heart and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will guard you, understanding will watch over you, Proverbs 2:10-11

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SHEMA HEAR

to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things; from those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; who delight in doing evil and rejoice in the perversity of evil; whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways

Proverbs 2:12-15

***Wisdom protects those who obey God from those who do not obey God**

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SHEMA HEAR

Gaining spiritual wisdom:

1. Involves **training** the memory
2. Involves **stretching** the mind
3. Requires strong **motivation**
4. Requires energetic **effort**

- New Bible Commentary

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How Can I Walk in Holiness?

In the Old Testament, **marital unfaithfulness** is a parable of **unfaithfulness to God**; here, the concern will be **faithfulness to God** as expressed in **faithfulness to wisdom**.

- New Bible Commentary

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SHEMA HEAR

to deliver you from the strange woman, from the adulteress who flatters with her words; that leaves the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God; for her house sinks down to death and her tracks lead to the dead; none who go to her return again, nor do they reach the paths of life. Proverbs 2:16-19

***Men and women who reject God reject wisdom; they will seek to guide lovers of God away from hearing and obeying His voice**

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SHEMA HEAR

So you will walk in the way of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will live in the land and the blameless will remain in it; but the wicked will be cut off from the land and the treacherous will be uprooted from it. Proverbs 2:20-22

Merely escaping immorality is insufficient for a man of wisdom; he must also progressively pursue the good. As a result God blesses him. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

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Why can't I find wisdom?

Why can't I hear God's voice?

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Nigel

A Gannet bird

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How can I find wisdom? Ask God
What should I do after I ask? **SHEMA**

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him
ask of God, who gives to all generously
and without reproach, and it will be given
to him. James 1:5

HEAR + DO = WISDOM

We Need Wisdom

Jesus Is Wisdom

**but to those who are the called, both Jews and
Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom
of God.**

1 Corinthians 1:24

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בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Baruch sheim k'vod malchuto l'olam va-ed.

Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever.