

DEAD ENDS INTO
D O O R W A Y S
NEVER FAILING



DRAW NEAR TO GOD

IN THE MIDST OF
FEAR AND ANXIETY



NEARNESS



Reasons why we don' t listen:

1. PRIDE
2. NOT in AUTHORITY
3. INCONSISTENT

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz,
which he saw concerning Judah and
Jerusalem in the days of Uzzi'ah,
Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezeki'ah, kings of

Judah, O heavens, and give ear,
O earth;

for the LORD has spoken:
Sons have I reared and brought up,
but they have rebelled against me.
The ox knows its owner,
and the ass its master's crib;
but Israel does not know,
my people does not understand."

your cities are burned with fire,
in your very presence
aliens devour your land;
it is desolate, as overthrown
cities.
aliens.

8 And the daughter of Zion is
like a booth in a vineyard,
like a lodge in a cucumber
like a besieged city.

9 If the LORD of hosts
had not left us a remnant,
we should have been
and become like the nations.

10 But the LORD of hosts

Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called
by the name of Israel, and who came from the
waters of Judah, who swear by the name of
the Lord and confess the God of Israel, but
not in truth or right.



ISAIAH 48:1 (ESV)

Because I know that you are obstinate, and
your neck is an iron sinew and your forehead
brass...



ISAIAH 48:4 (ESV)



Whose voice are you listening to
lately?



What is the outcome?



Why do we need to listen to God
and to no one else?

“Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I
called! I am he; I am the first, and I am
the last.



ISAIAH 48:12 (ESV)

We draw near and listen to
GOD because of:



1. HIS AUTHORITY

“Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I
called! **I am he**; I am the first, and I am
the last.



ISAIAH 48:12 (ESV)

God said to Moses, “**I am who I am.**” And he
said, “Say this to the people of Israel:
‘I am has sent me to you.’ ”



EXODUS 3:14 (ESV)

“Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I
called! I am he; **I am the first, and I am
the last.**



ISAIAH 48:12 (ESV)

My hand laid the foundation of the earth,
and my right hand spread out the heavens;
when I call to them, they stand forth
together.



ISAIAH 48:13 (ESV)

We draw near and listen to
GOD because of:



2. HIS SOVEREIGNTY

“Assemble, all of you, and listen! Who among them has declared these things? **The Lord loves him**; he shall perform his purpose on Babylon, and his arm shall be against the Chaldeans.



ISAIAH 48:14 (ESV)

For as the heavens are higher than the
earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.



ISAIAH 55:9 (ESV)



Are you willing that God will take
over your life even if it doesn't
make sense?

We draw near and listen to
GOD because of:



3. HIS CONSISTENCY

Draw near to me, hear this: from the beginning I have not spoken in secret, from the time it came to be I have been there.”
And now the Lord God has sent me, and his Spirit.



ISAIAH 48:16 (ESV)



"Nearness is a gift, closeness is
a choice."

– Pastor Jim Laffoon

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today
and forever.



HEBREWS 13:8 (ESV)



APPLICATION:

As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, **do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion.”



HEBREWS 3:15 (ESV)