

“Our Time to Respond”



Who do we send to voicemail?

Annoying people

Telemarketers

People we don't know...

The Word is our daily bread – ignoring it is like having a subscription service – like a jelly of the month club or like a monthly mystery box and not opening it, not enjoying it, not even giving it away to someone who would want it!!

Jonah ignored God – and got swallowed by a whale! Ignoring God got Adam and Eve kicked out of the Garden of Eden!

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None of us enjoys being ignored. If we're in a conversation with a friend, it hurts to have our words disregarded. If we're in a store looking for help, it's irritating to be ignored by the clerks. When we're struggling with a problem, it's painful when no one offers to help.

Imagine, then, how it must grieve God when we ignore Him. Think of how His heart of love must break when, despite the fact that He dwells within us through the Holy Spirit, we act as if He's not there. Or consider how God must feel when the guidelines contained in the book given to us are ignored.

What Does God desire of us?

- **Jeremiah 7:23 English Standard Version**

But this command I gave them: 'Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the ways that I command you, that it may be well with you.'

- **Micah 6:8**

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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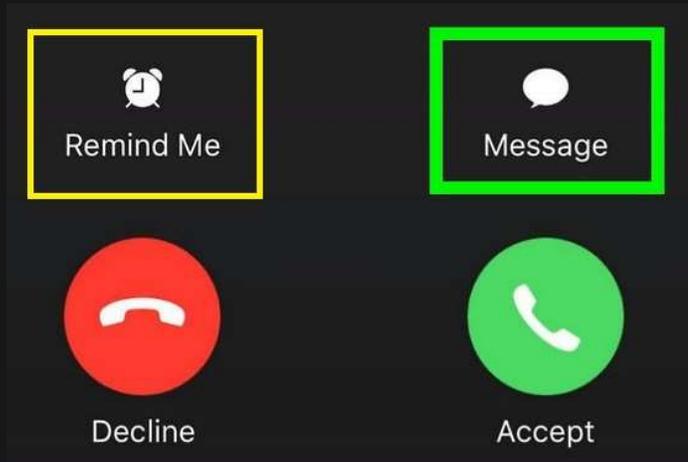
- **Mark 12:29-31 The Greatest Commandment**

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

- **Matthew 28:19-20 The Great Commission**

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

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God does not like to be ignored. It leads to a downward spiral

Hosea 4

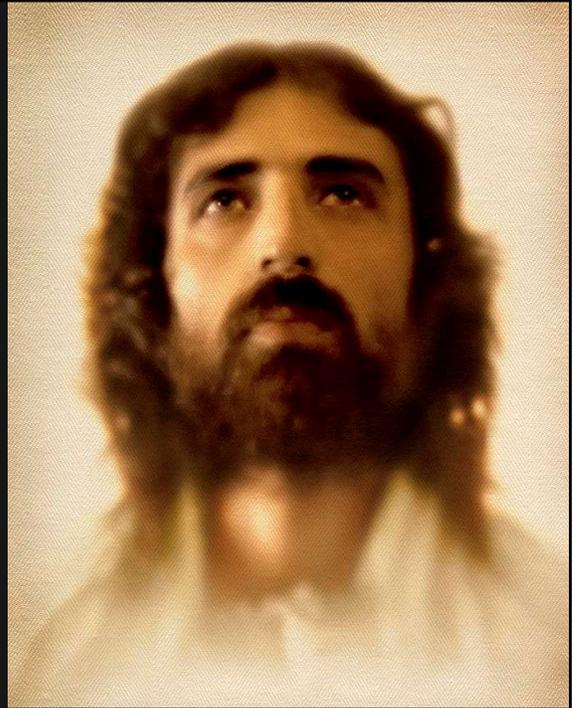
Amos 4

Proverbs 1:24-33

Romans 1:18-32

God is our Salvation

- Trustworthy
- Our Strength and Defense
- Brings Joy
- Praiseworthy
- Listener
- Gift Giver
- Answerer of Prayers
- Peace Loving
- Guardian of our Hearts and Minds



Isaiah 12:2-6 (NIV)

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV) Paul’s Final Exhortations

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.