

# The Right Way to Approach God in Worship (Part 1)

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

I. When you come before God in worship, be quick to listen.

These verses are for “the well-meaning person who likes a good sing and turns up cheerfully enough to church; but who listens with half an ear, and never quite gets round to what he has volunteered to do for God.”

- Derek Kidner

*Guard your steps when you go to the house of  
God. (v.1)*

*To draw near to listen is better than to offer the  
sacrifice of fools (v.1)*

*To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. (v.1)*

*“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. (Deut. 6:4-7)*

Jesus: *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*

“The ear is the Christian’s primary sense organ. Listening to what God has said is our main spiritual discipline. We need someone to tell us to listen because we want to look and speak more than we want to listen.”

- David Gibson

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