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Devotional

# Open My Ears!



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Through the Psalms
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> Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired;
> My ears You have opened;
> Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.
> Then I said, "Behold, I come;
> In the scroll of the book it is written of me;
> I delight to do Your will, O my God. . . ."
> (Psalm 40:6–8 nasb)

When David refers to burnt offering and meal offering and sin offering, he is speaking about the externals of religion. He is saying, in essence, that these by themselves are not sufficient. We may attend to all the externals, yet miss the part that really matters. He continues, "My ears You have opened." Here is the inner essence of true religion, which alone gives meaning to the externals. We need to hear the voice of God, speaking to us directly and personally. For this, God Himself must open our ears.

Only then will we be able to respond like the psalmist: "Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. . . ." When God opens our ears and we in turn surrender our lives to Him, we make the amazing and glorious discovery that He has a special plan for each one of us – a plan written from eternity "in the scroll of the book." The plans that God has for His people are infinitely varied. He never makes one person a carbon copy of another. His plan for each life is uniquely suited to all that is special and individual in each of us.

Without this revelation of God's individual will for us, we may find the mere externals of religion irksome and deadening. But when our ears are opened, then it becomes easy to say, "I delight to do Your will, O my God."

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