

This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea. Isaiah 48:17-18 (NIV)

Pay Attention

Let me make one thing very clear. Let me say something without hesitation. Let me state something as emphatically and forcefully as I can. **I can hardly wait to hear what you are about to declare.** You know my thoughts before I think them. You know my words before I speak them. You know my deeds before I do them. **Yes, that is true. That is correct. Nevertheless, I will enjoy hearing what is now about to come out of your mouth.** Here goes then. You are in charge of my life. I am not in charge of my life. You are my Savior. You have redeemed my life. You have set my life on a new course. You have filled my life with new hopes and dreams and desires. **What are your hopes and dreams and desires?** It the utmost and highest dream of my heart to know you. Not only do I want to know you. I want to know and do your will. I want to go where you guide me. I want to do what you ask of me. **That is very good. You could have no better hope and dream and desire.** Of that, I have no doubt whatsoever. **That is very good.** But I am not finished with my declaration. **Go ahead, I'm listening.** You are also my Lord. **What does that mean to you?** It means that It will be my delight to do your will. It will be my joy to do what is good and right and pleasing to you. I want to live my life with and for you. I want to live in an intimate relationship with you. I will follow you to where you lead me. I will do whatever you ask of me. My life is in your hands. I am completely at your disposal. **That is very good.**

How will you come to know me? How will you be able to know and do my will? How will you live in an intimate relationship with me? How will you follow me to where I lead you? How will you do what I ask of you? I will pay attention to you. I will listen to your voice. I will follow and obey your commands. I will focus my heart and mind and life on you. **Do this and you will have all that you are asking of me. Do this because I am your Savior and Lord.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I am not all wise. I am not all knowing. Quite often, I have no idea of what is best for me. You are both wise and all knowing. You know what is best for me. Teach me. Guide me. Lead me in the way that is best for me. Help me to know and do your will. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Paid Attention*

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NIV Isaiah 48:17-18

Becoming Like Christ *Had Listened*

This is what the LORD says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow. Oh, that you had listened to my commands! Then you would have had peace flowing like a gentle river and righteousness rolling over you like waves in the sea.

NLT Isaiah 48:17-18

Becoming Like Christ *Paid Attention*

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD your God, who teaches you for your own good, who leads you in the way you should go. O that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your prosperity would have been like a river, and your success like the waves of the sea;

NRSV Isaiah 48:17-18

Becoming Like Christ *Harkened To*

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way that you should go. Oh, that you had hearkened to My commandments! Then your peace *and* prosperity would have been like a flowing river, and your righteousness [the holiness and purity of the nation] like the [abundant] waves of the sea.

AMP Isaiah 48:17-18

Becoming Like Christ *Paid Attention*

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go. "If only you had paid attention to My commandments! Then your well-being would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

NASB Isaiah 48:17-18

Becoming Like Christ *Paid Attention*

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea;

ESV Isaiah 48:17-18

Becoming Like Christ *Had Heeded*

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I *am* the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go. Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

NKJV Isaiah 48:17-18

Becoming Like Christ *Had Listened*

with this Message from GOD, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "I am GOD, your God, who teaches you how to live right and well. I show you what to do, where to go. If you had listened all along to what I told you, your life would have flowed full like a river, blessings rolling in like waves from the sea.

MSG Isaiah 48:17-18

Becoming Like Christ *Had Listened*

The Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, says, "I am the Lord your God, who punishes you for your own good and leads you along the paths that you should follow. "Oh, that you had listened to my laws! Then you would have had peace flowing like a gentle river, and great waves of righteousness.

TLB Isaiah 48:17-18

Becoming Like Christ *Had Obeyed*

This is what the LORD, who saves you, the Holy One of Israel, says: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to do what is good, who leads you in the way you should go. If you had obeyed me, you would have had peace like a full-flowing river. Good things would have flowed to you like the waves of the sea.

NCV Isaiah 48:17-18

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you pay attention to the Lord so you can know and do His will.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will pay attention to you, so I can know and do your will.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you guide me today as I pay attention to you?
