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PRAYER AS OUR GUIDE

LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE

I KEEP MY EYES ALWAYS ON THE LORD. WITH HIM AT MY RIGHT HAND, I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.

– PSALM 16:8

SPEAK, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING. INCLINE MY HEART TO YOUR WORDS, AND LET YOUR SPEECH COME UPON ME AS DEW UPON THE GRASS. IN DAYS GONE BY THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SAID TO MOSES, "SPEAK TO US AND WE SHALL LISTEN; DO NOT LET THE LORD SPEAK TO US, LEST WE DIE." THIS IS NOT HOW I PRAY, LORD. NO. WITH THE GREAT PROPHET SAMUEL, I HUMBLY AND EARNESTLY BEG: "SPEAK LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING." SO, DO NOT LET MOSES SPEAK TO ME, BUT YOU, O LORD, MY GOD, ETERNAL TRUTH, YOU SPEAK TO ME. IF I HEAR YOUR VOICE, MAY I NOT BE CONDEMNED FOR HEARING THE WORD AND NOT FOLLOWING IT, FOR KNOWING IT AND NOT LOVING IT. SPEAK THEN, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT LISTENS, FOR YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE. SPEAK TO ME TO COMFORT MY SOUL AND TO CHANGE MY WHOLE LIFE; IN TURN, MAY IT GIVE YOU PRAISE AND GLORY AND HONOR, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN."

– THOMAS À KEMPIS