

Listen

“Hear therefore, O Israel and observe to do it; that it might be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily. . . .”—Deuteronomy 6:3

“I have learned a great deal from listening carefully,” however, “Most people never listen,” lamented Earnest Hemmingway. Listening is such an important part of learning.

Stories about the riots in Egypt made the news every day this week. The demonstrations indicated a grievous unrest and I realized that that the Egypt of the future may be quite different than the Egypt we are familiar with today. If the Muslim Brotherhood becomes the ruling force in Egypt, what will happen to the Christians in that country?

Christians in other Muslim nations have suffered great persecution and death, how can we expect anything different if Egypt becomes a radical Muslim state? It will be a severe crime to own a Bible. The Word of God will no longer be allowed to be read publicly. Then how will people be able to listen?

It is important to listen to the Word of God. I remember sermons and Sunday School lessons from my childhood. My mother used to read the Bible to me every night. I hear it preached in church, on the radio, and on CDs. Ezra read the words of the Law before a people who had forgotten and they wept and fell down and worshipped the One True God. I believe that God is still speaking through His Word today but, *“Who is listening?”*

“So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God” Romans 10:17