

# Ezekiel 3:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

"Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears." God commands comprehensive reception—both heart and ears. Intellectual apprehension alone is insufficient; truth must penetrate the heart. This emphasizes that knowing God's Word requires more than academic study—it demands personal application and transformation. The sequence matters: first receive internally, then proclaim externally. Ministers must embody truth before teaching others. The Reformed emphasis on heart knowledge versus mere head knowledge appears.

## Historical Context

Ezekiel's commission (593 BC) required total absorption of God's message. Prophets couldn't merely memorize words externally but must internalize them deeply. This shaped prophetic authenticity—speaking from conviction, not mere repetition. The principle applies to all gospel ministry: preachers must first receive truth transformatively before proclaiming it authoritatively. Personal spiritual vitality precedes effective ministry.

## Related Passages

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does receiving God's Word in heart and ears differ from mere intellectual assent?
2. What is the relationship between personal transformation and effective witness to others?

## Interlinear Text

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Moreover he said H413 unto me Son of man H853 all my words H834  
H559 H1121 H120 H3605 H1697

וְאֶذְעָן יְכָלֵל בְּבָבָר  
that I shall speak H413 unto thee receive in thine heart with thine ears H241  
H1696 H3947 H3824

שָׁמַע:  
and hear H8085

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 119:11** (Word): Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

**Job 22:22** (Word): Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.

**Proverbs 8:10** (Parallel theme): Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

**Proverbs 19:20** (Parallel theme): Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

**1 Thessalonians 4:1** (Parallel theme): Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** (Word): For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

**Luke 8:15** (Word): But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

**Ezekiel 2:8** (Parallel theme): But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.