

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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## Great Responses

Have you ever given a response and immediately afterwards you think to yourself, *that was a great response*? The Bible is riddled with these. The more I study, the more I find myself in awe at how God's people responded to those around them.

Everyday we are in constant communication with others. Whether it be at work, home, or play we have many opportunities to give a response and I wonder if we accept the responsibility of our words seriously enough.

Paul wrote that if we are the proper example to others we will know how we *ought* to answer each one. (Colossians 4 : 6) A proper response can turn an erring sinner to Christ. (James 5 : 19-20) However, our words can be just as damaging. Have you ever spoken with a Brother who has turned his back on the church due to something someone said?

The seriousness of the tongue is spoken about in James 3. However, Jesus said that by our words we will be justified and by every idle word we will be judged. (Matthew 12 : 36–37)

This morning we look at four great responses, and just to show the opposite side two not so great. What makes what these men had to say great? But more importantly, as you have find yourself in similar situations, how will you respond?

## Great Responses

### \* Response

Mark 11 : 14—to conclude for oneself

### \* I Samuel 3 : 1–10

“Speak, for Your servant hears.”

Do you listen, or just hear?

### \* Isaiah 6 : 1–8

“Here I am, send me.”

The fields are ready, go make disciples—If not you who?

### \* Nehemiah 7 : 73–8 : 6

“Amen, Amen!”

### \* Acts 4 : 12–19

“Whether it is right...to listen to you more than to God, you judge.”

### Not So Great of a Response

### \* Matthew 26 : 69–74

“...I do not know...I do not know...I do not know the Man!”

To deny Him is to reject His salvation.

### \* Acts 24 : 25, 26 : 28

“...Go away for now...You almost persuaded me...”

Almost = falling short