

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Texts: Malachi 4:1-2a • Psalm 98 • 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 • Luke 21:5-19

PEOPLE Smart - MWD

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Those who have strong interpersonal intelligence are good at understanding and interacting with other people. These individuals are skilled at assessing the emotions, motivations, desires, and intentions of those around them.

Characteristics

- Good at communicating verbally
- Skilled at nonverbal communication
- Sees situations from different perspectives
- Creates positive relationships with others
- Good at resolving conflict in groups

Potential Career Choices

If you're strong in interpersonal intelligence, good career choices for you are:

- Psychologist
- Philosopher
- Counselor
- Salesperson
- Politician

Text: Malachi 4:1-2a

1 See, the day is coming, **burning like an oven**, when all the **arrogant and all evildoers** will be stubble; the day that comes **shall burn them up**, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them **neither root nor branch**.

2 But for **you who revere my name** the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. *You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
PEOPLE Fred Gaiser , WP	Commentary by Bruce Cromwell , A Plain Account:	MUSIC smart jumps in: #6 Air, Handel's Messiah (the lyrics come from	← Oil and metals are refined through a process of heating and distillation

	<p>"Sin always has consequences. It separates us from God, from others, and even from our true selves, from whom we are created and called to be. [...] our sin has been paid for. It was atoned for while we were yet sinners. Our problem is that we are still "arrogant." We are self-righteous. We refuse to "revere God's name" and surrender to God's Lordship over us. We neither admit our need for a Savior nor attempt to follow Him."</p> <p>Commentary by Jin Han, WP: "For those who hold God in reverence, a new world is in store; the prophet portrays it in the image of the rising sun (Malachi 4:2a)"</p> <p>Commentary by Steed Davidson, WP: 'Eschatology answers the fears and anxieties of the community that asks where is the God of justice with the firm response that the "fires of [God's] justice burns. Eschatology offers vindication to those who think that they cannot stand on the day of the Lord (3:2) or that faith no longer makes sense."</p>	<p>chapter 3, but the refiner's fire is on display here in verse one!)</p> <p>Also, from Soulful Celebration</p> <p>Vs 2. - revere my name Like the musicians and singers in this Bugs Bunny clip - "Leopold"! This is a play on Leopold Stokowski, a famous and respected conductor whose very name inspires awe.</p>	<p>or purification. Break into groups and discuss how God uses our circumstances to refine us as individuals and groups. Who are the evildoers and arrogant? Those people or us? Refer to Cromwell's quote...</p> <p>← Given Cromwell's quote and Bugs Bunny's send up of Stokowski, break into groups and discuss:</p> <p>1 - whose names in our lives are "revered"? 2 - why? 3 - do we reserve that kind of reverence for God? 4 - why or why not?</p> <p>← A bit of NATURE smart but also what does it mean to have the sun of righteousness dawn? What does that growing light reveal? What do we HOPE it reveals? What do we fear it would reveal?</p> <p>← The fire of eschatology is a reset, of sorts. Like a forest fire, it burns out the deadwood (sin, injustice, hatred, etc) and leaves room for new growth (NATURE imagery). Discuss how God's reset affects us.</p>
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Text: Psalm 98

1 O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

2 The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

9 at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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PEOPLE	James Howell , WP: "Praise is our amazement at God and God's greatness, our recognition of the power and tenderness of the creator. Praise enjoys and celebrates God's love, and it is our best attempt to feel, say, or sing something appropriate to God. Praise doesn't ask "What have you done for me lately?" but instead exclaims "How great Thou art!" Psalms scholar Walter	JJM Roberts: "Praise Jenny for she is a good cook!"	Carve out about 2-3 minutes of time and give everyone time to write a psalm of praise to God for what God has done for them. Recognize that some may fly over this task at 30K feet and give fairly obvious answers. Others may open up and shower their paper with specific circumstances. Two to three limits these folks and isn't overly onerous to the others. THEN as a benediction for the service, invite everyone to read their psalm of praise AT THE

	<p>Brueggemann explains praise for us: "All of life is aimed toward God and finally exists for the sake of God. Praise articulates and embodies our capacity to yield, submit, and abandon ourselves in trust and gratitude to the One whose we are. We have a resilient hunger to move beyond self. God is addressed not because we have need, but simply because God is God."</p>		<p>SAME TIME. Encourage them by saying, "Your neighbor won't be listening to you because they'll be reading their psalm." Also, God has already heard it as you wrote it down, so don't be afraid to say it again.</p>
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Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

6 Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, 8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, **so that we might not burden any of you.** 9 This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11 For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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PEOPLE	<p>Commentary by Edward Pillar, WP: "The challenge and exhortation are ultimately in doing what is right in and through our work. Taking this approach, we can now see that there will be those who confess faith in Jesus Christ, say the creeds, join the church and so on, but are idle and neglectful when it comes to "doing what is right."</p> <p>And: "There is an expectation that new believers, as they enter and become part of the community of disciples, will accept these traditions and will work hard to follow them. Those who do not adhere to these traditions of</p>	<p>Joining a club or a church; learning the "culture" of a new place.</p> <p>What happens when you have a lab partner that sloughs off all the work onto you and expects to get the grade for the group.</p> <p>Going to stay at someone's house and gathering used bedding and towels, putting them in the laundry room.</p> <p>I remember a summer or two when I was a kid when our family travelled to my uncle's farm so Mom and Dad could help with the haying. Mom always helped my aunt with dinner and the dishes, too.</p>	<p>Break into groups and discuss this question:</p> <p>Is the table that Paul directs "the idlers" away from the daily bread - or the Lord's table? Which has more impact?</p>

	righteousness, justice, truth, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness are the idlers."		
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Text: Luke 21:5-19

5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

7 They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"

8 And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

12 "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; 15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17 **You will be hated by all because of my name.** 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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PEOPLE	Far from inviting us believers to adopt a superior attitude about our relationship as those "in" with Jesus, this passage tells us that we will lose all privilege and be "hated by all because of [Jesus'] name". We will join the marginalized, the outcast, the reviled, and the despised for Jesus' sake. The last two verses give some encouragement!	This is along the lines of the famous scene in Spartacus when different people stand up to identify as the one The Man is looking for. Each one is willing to be crucified rather than reveal who the real Spartacus is.	Who are the people that we would be willing to be identified with for the sake of Jesus' gospel of righteousness, justice, truth, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness?