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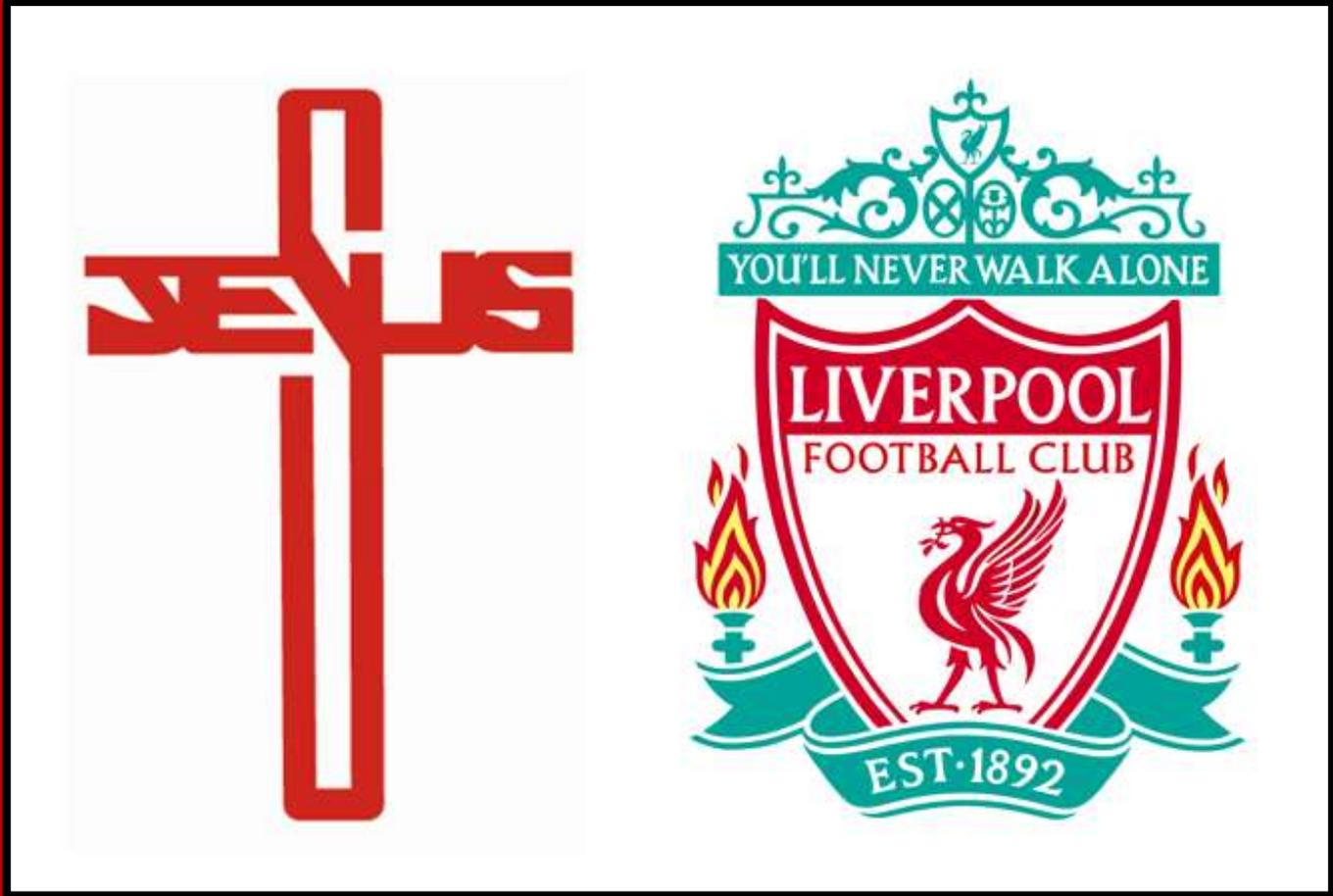
Psalm 81

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COME BACK!
Book of Esther





YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE



LISTEN

Psalm 87





LISTENING TEST





You are a bus driver.

One day you get on the bus and you decided to start counting the passengers.

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A blackboard with a white border containing a math problem. The problem is $5 + 3 - 2 - 2 + 3 - 1 = 6$. A large red 'X' is drawn over the entire equation, indicating that this method of calculation is incorrect.
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We hear but we don't listen

HEARING

Passive

Involuntary

LISTENING

Active

Voluntary





⁸ Hear me, my people, and I will warn you - if you would only listen to me, Israel!

¹¹ “But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me.

¹³ “If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways.

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- Psalm 87 -



WHY DID ISRAEL FAIL TO LISTEN?

Why do we sometimes fail to listen when someone is speaking to us?

**ICE
BREAKER**



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FORGOTTEN GOD'S DELIVERANCE



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- Written in the 7th month by Asaph, a Levite worship leader.
- 3 festivals: New Year, Day of Atonement, Festival of Tabernacles.
- **FESTIVALS TO REMEMBER ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPT.**



FORGOTTEN GOD'S DELIVERANCE

⁶ I **removed** the burden from their shoulders;

⁷ In your distress you called and I **rescued you**, I **answered you** out of a thundercloud; I **tested you** at the waters of Meribah.

¹⁰ I am the LORD your God, who **brought you** up out of Egypt.



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11 “But no, My people wouldn’t listen. Israel did not want me around. 12 So I let them **follow their own stubborn desires**, living according to their own ideas.

8 You shall have no **foreign god** among you; you shall not worship any god other than Me.



WHAT IS AN IDOL?

*It is the thing or the person
loved more than God,
wanted more than God,
desired more than God,
treasured more than God,
enjoyed more than God.*

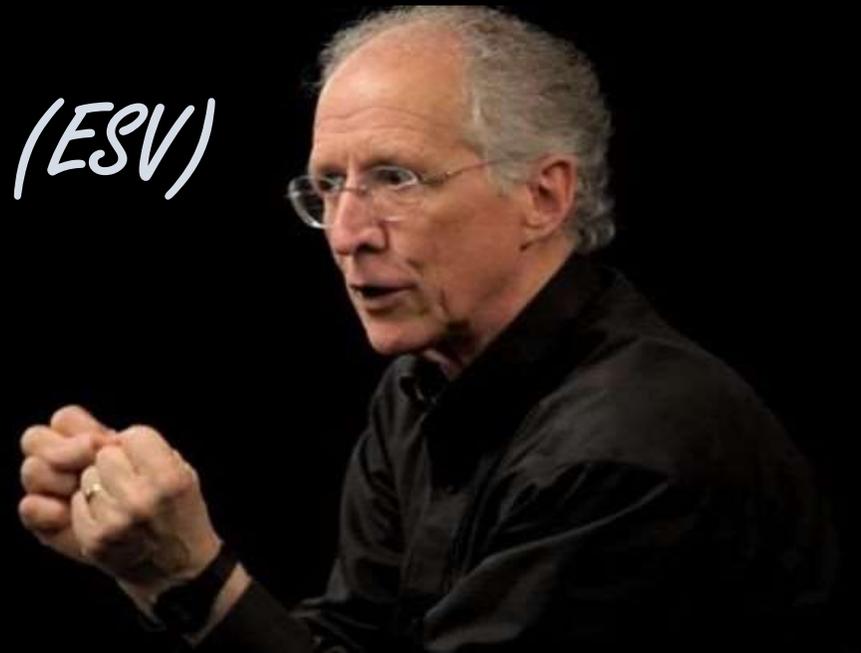




WHAT IS MODERN-DAY IDOLATRY?

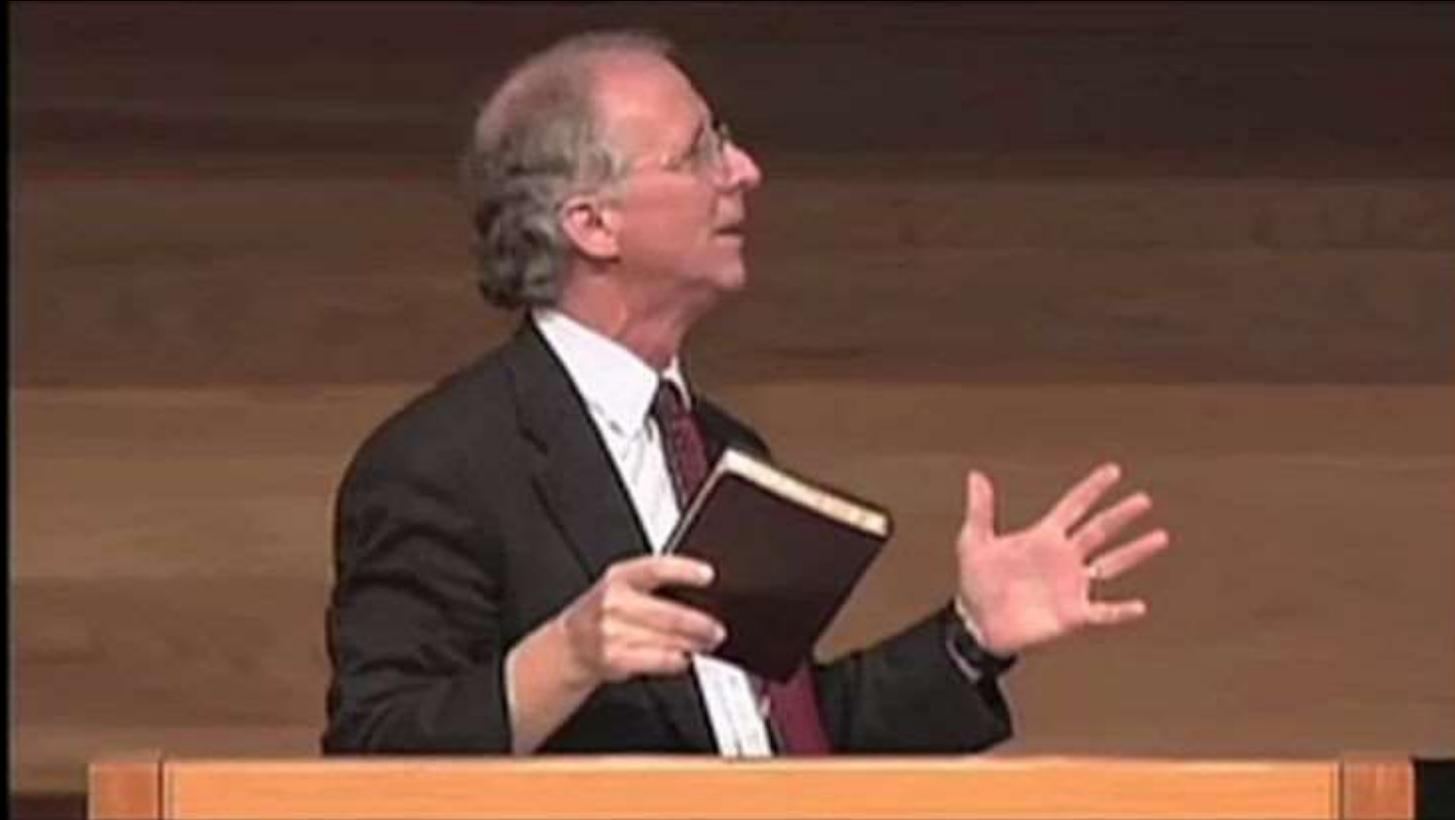
For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world.

1 John 2:16 (ESV)





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<https://youtu.be/hZNabNqwCVw>



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*What it looks like when people truly
hear for the first time?*



**THESE ARE THE REACTIONS OF DEAF PEOPLE
WHEN THEY HEAR SOUND FOR THE FIRST TIME**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYQIzjrRjml>



How would you respond when you hear God speaking to you?



*with honey from the rock I would
satisfy you.*

Psalm 81:16b

*“He doesn't always take away the rocks, but
He can make them drip with honey”*



*Open your mouth wide
and I will fill it with good things.*



Psalm 81:10

