



# The Flame

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## Ears are for **Hearing**

*Open my ears, that I may hear, Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Everything false will disappear.*

In recent months, we have seen demonstrations all over the country in which people hold up their hands as if surrendering to law enforcement. The narrative about a young black man being killed by a policeman's bullet while being unarmed and offering no threat has been perpetuated by protesters even though the image came from a "witness" who was lying.

The myth of global warming continues to be touted as science. Statisticians who work with formulas of probability based on assumptions from the outset have told us that our recklessness and pollution will melt the ice caps and destroy civilization. Of course their predecessors in the 1940s and 1950s told us the world was in danger of global freezing. Unreported by mainstream media are the thousands of actual scientists (verses number crunchers wearing science fair badges) have totally rejected the warming claims as a political hoax designed to generate funds for segments of the population who are trading on our fears.

Why do we continue to believe lies?

Psychologists tell us that the answer is related to our need to support what we already believe. Our presuppositions about cultural or social values or our scientific assumptions predispose us to embrace what defends those beliefs.

There are also spiritual lies that can haunt us. The enemy whispers them to us repeatedly, assaulting our self-worth, drowning out the call of grace and deafening us to the inviting tones of hope. The remedy is a steady source of truth and our capacity to hear.

What is true has its own power. In time, truth dispels the lie.

## Taking Your Next Step

The next step – the perpetual step – that must define prayer is the practice of listening. Pause, quit asking. Listen. Prayer must remain focused on the Lord of Grace, nothing else, not even your need of grace. Only the Voice of Truth will make everything false disappear.

