

## “listening to the voice” (*shema`...qol*) in Genesis

### OF WOMEN

And **Sarai said to Abram**, "You see that YHWH has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And **Abram listened to the voice of Sarai**. (16.2)

But **God said to Abraham**, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; **whatever Sarah says to you, listen to her voice**, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you." (21.12)

**[Rebekah to Jacob]**: "Now therefore, my son, **listen to my voice as I command you....**His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son; only **listen to my voice**, and go, get them for me." (27.8, 13)

**[Rebekah to Jacob]**: "Now therefore, my son, **listen to my voice**; flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran..." (27.43)

Then **Rachel said**, "God has judged me, and has also **heard my voice** and given me a son"; therefore she named him Dan. (30.6)

### OF MEN

**Lamech said to his women**: "Adah and Zillah, **hear my voice**; you women of Lamech, listen to what I say..." (4.23)

### OF YHWH

"and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you **[Abraham] have obeyed my voice**." (22.18)

**"Abraham obeyed my voice** and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." (26.5)