

Ears to Hear

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Then he told them many things in parables, saying:

“A farmer went out to sow his seed...⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

Matthew 13:1-9

“Why do you speak to the people in parables?”¹¹ He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them... Matthew 13:10-13

- **Jesus spoke in parables not to hide truth _____, but to hide truth _____.**

“I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.”

Luke 10:21

²¹ He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand?”²² For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.” Mark 4:21-25

- **Has =**
- **More =**
- **If we don’t hear from God, it’s not because he isn’t speaking, it’s because we don’t know _____.**
- **Jesus didn’t just die for your sins. He died so that you could have a relationship with Him, and relationship doesn’t exist without _____!**

What hinders us from hearing God?

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. (Matthew 13:18-19)

- **The seed= “message about the kingdom” or “the word of God”**

- **Seed on path= Not understanding what God is saying OR believing God doesn’t speak to you**

²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. (Matthew 13:20-21)

- **Seed on rocky soil= Understands the word, but doesn’t stick it out and remains immature**
- **The Word of God can’t be something we trust in unless we see it _____.**

²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. (Matthew 13:22)

- **Seed among thorns= Hears the word, but fear and worry replaces _____.** They depend on earthly riches instead of the power of _____.

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

- **You know that you are responding as good soil when God’s word or revelation produces a _____.**

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn, and I would heal them.’

Matthew 13:14-17

- **The point of hearing is _____!**
 - **Healing=wholeness of body, mind, and spirit**

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. ¹⁷ For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. (Matthew 13:16-17)