

Beware the Two Saddest Words

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 138

Matthew 13:9-18

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...⁹ “He who has ears, let him **hear!**”

¹⁰ And when the disciples came up, they said to Him, “For what *reason*¹ are You speaking to them in parables?”

¹¹ And He, in answer, said to them, “Because to you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens. But to those *ones*, it has not been given.

¹² “For whoever has, *more* will be given to him, and he will be caused to abound; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

¹³ “On account of this I am speaking to them in parables: because, though seeing, they do not see; and, though **hearing**, they do not **hear** nor comprehend;

¹⁴ “and in them is being filled up the prophecy of Isaiah which says, ‘You will surely **hear**,² yet you absolutely will not
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comprehend; and you will surely³ see, yet you absolutely will not perceive.⁴

¹⁵ ““For the heart of this people was made⁵ thick, and with their ears they **heard** with difficulty,⁶ and their eyes they shut, lest they perceive⁷ with their eyes, and with their ears **hear**, and with their heart comprehend and return, and I would cure them!”⁸

¹⁶ “But blessed are your eyes, because they do see; and your ears, because they do **hear**.

¹⁷ “For amen, I say to you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to perceive what *things* you are seeing, and yet did not perceive;⁹ and to **hear** what *things* you are hearing, and yet did not **hear**.

¹⁸ “You, therefore, must **hear** the parable of the sower....”

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Pastor Phillips' ad hoc translation

bolding added)

Introduction: Overview

HEARING THE WORD

I. God Hand of _____ (vv. 9-12)...

A. ...of _____ (vv. 9-11a, 12a)

1. Discourse frame opened (vv. 9-10)
2. Distinction noted (vv. 11a, 12a)
 - a. Marked by _____ (v. 11a)

- b. Marked by _____ (v. 12a)

A [Frame] (vv. 9-10)

B (v. 11a)

C (v. 11b)

B' (v. 12a)

C' (v. 12b)

C'' (vv. 13-15)

B'' (vv. 16-17)

A' [Frame] (v. 18)

¹ Literally *on account of what*.

² Literally *By (or in) hearing [noun form] you will hear*.

³ Literally *seeing you will... or though seeing you will...*

⁴ Usually *see*; synonym for other verb translated *see* in this verse.

⁵ Or *became*.

⁶ Literally *heavily*.

⁷ Usually *see*.

⁸ Verses 14-15 quote Isaiah 6:9-10.

⁹ Or *see*, both times.

B. ..._____ **Those** _____ (vv. 11b. 12b)

1. Marked by _____ing (v. 11b)

2. Marked by _____ing (v. 12b)

II. God's Hand of _____ (vv. 13-15)

A. The _____ (v. 13)

B. The _____ (vv. 14-15)

1. Background in Daniel ____

2. Content of Isaiah ____

3. Application in Matthew ____

III. God's Hand of _____ (vv. 16-18)

A. Its _____ (v. 16)

B. Its _____ (v. 17)

C. Its "_____"(v. 18 — the discourse frame *closed*)

DOING THE WORD