

“Things Which Keep You From Hearing God”

Text: Matthew 13:10-17

Intro:

- Notice with me what the Words of God say in verse 15, “**their ears are dull of hearing**”
- Today, I want us from the Word of God to notice some “Thing Which Keep You and I From Hearing God.”
- **I. Prosperity – Jeremiah 22:21**
 - “I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou sadist, **I will not hear**”
 - It is hard to hear God when we have everything materially that we want.
 - What happens is that you develop an attitude of “Why Do I Need God.”
 - Notice what the Bible says in Prov. 30:7-9
 - Notice what the Bible says I Tim. 6:8
 - We have a great illustrations in the Bible of how prosperity ruined a man.
 - **See Luke 12:16-21.**
 - When the great tragedy of Sep 11 occurred things seem to change.
 - People seem to turn to God.
 - But it was short lived and people have gone back to their old ways not listening to God.
- **II. Turned Heart – Deuteronomy 30:17**
 - “But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear”
 - **Drawn away** – Our heart affections being turned from God.
 - **Colossians 3:1-2**, tells us the direction the Christian’s heart affection should be turned.
 - Satan uses the things of this world to draw us away from God.
 - That is why the scripture warns us in **I John 2:15-16.**
 - Satan likes to get us distracted and take our eyes off the things of God and on the things of this world.
 - The Bible instructs us in **II Cor. 2:11**
- **III. Stubbornness – II Kings 17:14**
 - “Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.”
- In other words developing an attitude “Do it your way.” “Your way only.”
 - The Bible warns in **Proverbs 14:12.**
 - Pharaoh, harden his hear and would not hear God through God’s man Moses,
 - The results – Egyptians destroyed.
 - **See I Samuel 15:23-26.**
 - King Saul lost his kingdom due to stubbornness.

- Stubbornness is the reason why the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness 40 years and many died along the way.
- **IV. Rebellion – Isaiah 30:9** *“not hear”*
 - Rebellion is to go against God and what He commands.
 - Lucifer was casted out of the throne room of God and will eventually someday end of in the Lake of Fire because he rebelled against God.
 - **See Isaiah 14:12-16**
 - Korah rebelled against God by rebelling against God’s man Moses.
 - He and his followers were destroyed.
 - **See Number 16:1-4, 31-35**
 - Achan in Joshua 7 and his family stoned to death because rebelled against what God said.
 - **See Joshua 7:20-25**
- **V. “Delighteth In Their Abominations - Isaiah 66:3-4**
 - Notice v. 4 – **“because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear:”**
 - They delighted in their sin why did not listen to God.
 - Abomination means extreme hatred.
 - In the context doing the things the Lord hates *– See Prov 6:16-19*
- We are in the end times just before the Lord’s return for His church.
 - The attitude today is people will not listen to God because they delight in their sins.
 - Notice how the scripture describes the day we are living in.
 - **II Tim. 3:1-7**
 - **II Thess. 2:10-11** *“Receive not the truth”*
- **Conclusion:**
 - The Bible says that a person is **“saved by grace through faith”**
 - God’s grace is giving us something as sinner’s we don’t deserve.
 - That something that God gave us was His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ to pay for our sins through His death, burial and resurrection.
 - Now, how is the faith we need to be saved obtained?
 - The Bible tells us in Romans 10:17, **“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”**
 - So, if a person won’t listen to the words of God then how can he be saved?
 - He can’t.
 - And how can a Christian grow spiritually if he won’t listen to God’s words?
 - He can’t
 - We have seen today **“Things Which Keep Us From Hearing God.”**
 - Prosperity

- A Turned Heart
 - Stubbornness
 - Rebellion
 - Delighting in your sin
- I ask you – which one or ones are keeping you from hearing God?