

## HEAR (1<sup>ST</sup> IN THE 5 STEPS INTO CHRIST)

**Matthew 17:5** While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

GOD HAS ALWAYS SPOKEN TO PEOPLE (Heb. 1:1-2). People however, have not always listened to God.

### **John 6:58-60**

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

**John 6:66** From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

❖ HEARING REQUIRES US TO DO SOMETHING. HEARING IS NOT PASSIVE IN NATURE.

**Luke 11:31** The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

**Luke 19:48** ...: for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

❖ WHAT/WHOM WE HEAR IN RELIGION IS IMPORTANT. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO HEAR JESUS!

**Mark 4:24** And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

### **Luke 10:23-24**

23 And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

❖ IT IS IMPORTANT HOW WE HEAR. ARE YOU *REALLY* LISTENING?

**Luke 8:18** Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

### **Matthew 13:18-23**

18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

❖ UNDERSTANDING IS IMPORTANT. IF WE HEAR WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING, IT DOES NOT PROFIT

**Matthew 15:10-11**

10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:  
11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

❖ HEARING REQUIRES THAT WE MAKE A DECISION

**Matthew 7:24-27**

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:  
25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.  
26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:  
27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

**Luke 11:27-28**

27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.  
28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

❖ WE MAY NOT HEAR JESUS NOW BUT WE SHALL HEAR AT THE JUDGEMENT

**John 5:28-29**

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,  
29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

WILL YOU HEAR JESUS NOW?

**Hebrews 3:7-8**

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,  
8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

**Revelation 3:20** Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

**Acts 2:22** Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

**Acts 2:37-38**

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?  
38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.