



“Do You Hear What I Hear?” April 21, 2021

I. **Matthew 13:10-15**

A. The 3 things necessary to receive from God

1. See with your eyes (spiritual)
2. Hear with your ears (physical & spiritual)
3. Understand with your heart (Spiritual)

B. Hearing what God says

1. Why is it both physical (natural) and spiritual? Your ears are your receivers that are connected directly to your heart
 - **Romans 10:17** “Faith comes by hearing (physically with your ear) and hearing by the Word of God.”
 - Notice that the very first way that deception came into man’s heart was through what he heard (“Yea, hath God said, you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”)
2. Even though your eyes are also connected to your heart, your natural vision (what you see) has nothing to do with walking by faith in comparison to what you hear
 - **II Corinthians 5:7** “We walk by faith, not by sight.”
 - In other words, Faith does not come by seeing with your physical eyes; it can only come by hearing with your physical ears.”

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1. **Definition – Thicken, Fatten, Render Callous**
2. **II Timothy 4:3-4** “For the time will come... itching ears...”

- **There is more opinion, watered-down speech, milk-feeding messages than ever before; there is only one thing that will make you free....God’s truth!**

II. Take Heed

A. **Mark 4:23-25**

1. Remember, there are many voices in this world, but only one leads you down the path to perfect peace.
2. The other voices are in this world under Satan’s command; he places them into action for one purpose – to stop the truth!

B. You Choose Who You Listen To

1. When the devil starts yapping, there’s only 2 things you should do
 - Rebuke Him and command him to be quiet (dealing with the spirit)
 - Be quiet and turn the other way (David and Eliab / Jesus writing in the dirt)
2. “My sheep hear my voice....and the voice of a stranger they will not follow”