

Lecture No. 42

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. The.Hearing.Ear .

No. 1.) Very many people in the world today have a serious hearing disability. This is not a physical problem, as I have, it is a spiritual problem. They have ears to hear, but they do not have a heart to hear with a heart to do what they hear. This is a very important point. This is why it is that so many read the truth, see the truth, hear the truth, but they do not understand. The thorns of worldly cares has turned the hearts of many and they worship the world more than the God who offers them life.

No. 2.) Deuteronomy 30:17 But if thine heart turn away, [so that thou wilt not hear](#), but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; 2 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.

No. 3.) Remember the parable of the sower? Certainly you do. When Christ finished the parable, he said this... Matthew 13:9-16 [Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.](#) (10) And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? (11) He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the

kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. (12) For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

(13) Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. (14) And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

(15) **For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.** (16) **But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.** May God bless your ears that they may hear the words of life, and the warnings to avoid death.

No. 4.) One of the big problems here is that so many SDAs truly believe they are rich in spiritual discernment. You can read about that in Testimonies No.23, p.12. Today we are going to read a large portion of a vision God gave to his church, found in Testimony No.20, p.42-49, which has a very great importance about the subject today. I hope that you will read the entire vision later, think on it, believe it, weave it into your life, and commit to renewing your heart daily, studying daily, praying without ceasing, and at last, being in Heaven. We continue now with the vision...

No. 5.) A large company were bowed before God in earnest prayer, and they seemed to be burdened. They were importuning the Lord for special light. A few of the company seemed to be in agony of spirit. Their feelings were intense. They were crying aloud with tears for help and light. Our most prominent brethren were engaged in this most impressive scene. Bro. Cornell was one who was apparently in deep distress. He was prostrated upon the floor. His wife was sitting among a company of indifferent scorers. She looked as though she desired all to understand that she scorned those who were thus humiliating themselves. p. 42, Para. 2, [20OT].

I dreamed that the Spirit of the Lord came upon me, and I arose amid the cries and prayers, and said, The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me. I feel urged to say to you that you must commence to work individually for yourselves. You are looking and desiring that God should do the work for you which he has left you to do. If you will do thy work for yourselves which you know that you ought to do, then God will help you when you need his help. You have left undone the very things God has left you to do. And you have been calling upon God to do your work. Had you followed the light God has given you, then he would cause more light to shine upon you; but while you have neglected the counsels, and warnings, and reproofs, that have been given, how can you expect God to give you more light and blessings for you to neglect and despise? God is not as man. He will not be trifled with. p. 43, Para. 1, [20OT].

I took the precious Bible, and surrounded it with the several Testimonies to the church, given for the people of God. Here, said I, the cases of nearly all are met. The sins they are to shun are pointed out. The counsel that they desire can be found here, which has been given for other cases similarly situated as themselves. God has been pleased to give you line upon line, and precept upon precept. But there are not many of you that really know what is contained in the Testimonies. You are not familiar with the Scriptures. If you had made God's word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the Testimonies. p. 43, Para. 2, [200T].

It is because you have neglected to acquaint yourselves with God's inspired Book that he has sought to reach you by simple, direct testimonies, calling your attention to the words of inspiration you had neglected to obey, and urging you to fashion your lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings. The Lord deigns to warn you, to reprove, to counsel, through the testimonies given, and to impress your minds with the importance of the truth of his word. The written testimonies are not to give new light; but to impress with vividness upon the heart the truths of inspiration already revealed. Man's duty to God and to his fellow-man has been distinctly specified in God's word; yet but few of you are obedient to the light given. Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the testimonies simplified the great truths already given, and in his own chosen way brought them before the

people, to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse. p. 44, Para. 1, [200T].

Pride, self-love, selfishness, hatred, envy, and jealousy, has beclouded the perceptive powers; and the truth, which would make you wise unto salvation, has lost its power to charm and control the mind. The very essential principles of godliness are not understood; because there is not a hungering and thirsting for Bible knowledge, purity of heart, and holiness of life. The Testimonies are not to belittle the word of God; but to exalt it, and attract minds to it, that the beautiful simplicity of truth may impress all. p. 44, Para. 2, [200T].

I further stated that as the word of God is walled in with these books and pamphlets, so has God walled you in with reproofs, counsel, warnings, and encouragements. Here you are crying before God, in the anguish of your souls, for more light. I am authorized from God to tell you that not another ray of light through the testimonies will shine upon your pathway, until you make a practical use of the light the Lord has already given. He has walled you about with light; but you have not appreciated the light. You have trampled upon it. While some have despised the light, others have neglected it, or followed it but indifferently. A few have set their hearts to obey the light God has been pleased to give them. Some that have received special warnings through testimony have forgotten in a few weeks the reproof given. p. 45, Para. 1, [200T].

The testimonies have been to some several times repeated; but they have not felt that they were of sufficient importance to be careful to heed them. They have been to them like idle tales. Had they regarded the light given, they would have avoided losses and trials which they think are hard and severe. They have only themselves to censure. It is not the yoke Christ has bound upon them. They have placed a yoke upon their own necks which they find is grievous to be borne. God's care and love was exercised in their behalf; but their selfish, evil, unbelieving souls could not discern the goodness and mercy of God. They rush on in their own wisdom, until, overwhelmed with trials and confused with perplexity, they are ensnared by Satan. When you gather up the rays of light God has given in the past, then will he give an increase of light. p. 45, Para. 2, [200T].

I referred them to ancient Israel. God gave them his law; but they would not obey it. He then gave them ceremonies and ordinances, that in the performance of these, God might be kept in remembrance. They were so prone to forget him, and the claims he had upon them, that it was necessary to keep their minds stirred up to realize their Creator. Had they been obedient, and loved to keep God's commandments, the multitude of ceremonies and ordinances would not have been required. p. 46, Para. 1, [200T].

If the people of God who now profess to be his peculiar treasure would

obey his requirements, as specified in his word, special testimonies would not be given to awaken them to their duty, and impress upon them their sinfulness and fearful danger in neglecting to obey the word of God. Consciences have been blunted, because light has been set aside, neglected, and despised. And God will remove them away from the people, and will deprive them of strength, and humble them. p. 46, Para. 2, [200T].

No. 6.) Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

No. 7.) God's word is full of admonitions to hear. Search on it and you will see, God is pleading with us to listen to him with an heart to understand and forsake this world, separate from it, spiritually, and turn to God with all the heart. Don't delay. Now is the time.

And that is...

~ **The End** ~

of our Presentation for Today,

God Bless your Study

