

Hearing Results In Clear Speech

Promise: The Promised Holy Spirit Enables us to Hear God's Word

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- Deafness in the flesh apart from Holy Spirit...
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Parting Shot – The Apostle Paul writes, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing the word of Christ." When by God's grace we are able to hear his Word we will have something to say, and it will be without impediment. That is, it will be a clear and a true word. It will be a word of how our Savior died and rose for us to bring forgiveness. And this forgiveness ensures healing both in the age to come, and now in having our ears opened resulting in clear speech...

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Lk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

Is 42:7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Is 35:5-6 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Jn 16:23 Whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

Mt 21:22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.

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Mark 7:24-37 ESV

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

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He 11:39-40 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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I will praise the LORD
as long as I live;

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while I **have** my being.

²Put not your trust in rulers,
nor in any **child** of earth,*
for there is no **help** in them.

³When they breathe their last,
they **return** to earth,*
and in that day **their** thoughts perish.

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whose hope is in the **LORD**
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and food to **those** who hunger.

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