

Ears To Hear

I. Introduction:

- A. Learning requires a listening ear (**Job 34:1-4**).
 - 1. To Israel in a sinful state, God spoke of reasoning and willingness (**Isaiah 1:18-20**).
 - 2. We want to have the ear of the wise (**Proverbs 18:15**).
- B. So then faith cometh by... (**Romans 10:14-17**).
 - 1. Without faith... (**Hebrews 11:6**).
 - 2. A hearing ear, that obtains faith, becomes a doer (**James 2:10-26**).

II. Body: Jesus Spoke Of “Ears to Hear” (**Matthew 11:15, Matthew 13:9, Matthew 13:43, Mark 4:9, Mark 4:23, Mark 7:16, Luke 8:8, and Luke 14:35**).

- A. Ears to hear infers there are ears that don't hear. Some are set on not hearing God's will (**Ezekiel 12:1-2**).
 - 1. Not hearing had consequences in the past (**Jeremiah 25:1-12**).
 - 2. If they, whom God had more tolerance with (**Acts 17:30**) were punished, what's that mean now (**Hebrews 2:1-4**)?
 - 3. It means experiencing the vengeance of the Lord (**II Thessalonians 1:7-9**).
- B. When our Lord addressed seven congregations in Asia, He repeated this statement to each congregation: *“He that hath an ear, let him hear...”* (**Revelation 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:29; 3:6; 3:13; 3:22**).
 - 1. Godly wisdom says... (**Proverbs 8:32-35**).
 - 2. To be of God, you have to be a hearer (**John 18:33-37** and **I John 4:6**).
- C. Proper listening leads to being a doer (**James 1:19-25**).
 - 1. The family of our Lord are those who hear and do (**Luke 8:19-21**).
 - 2. Inaction is an action (**Luke 6:46-49**).
 - 3. To be a fool, one just needs to hear and disregard (**Proverbs 14:16**).
- D. There is a reason the faithful don't speak to fools (**Proverbs 23:9**).
 - 1. A Psalm about the goodness of God and His wonderful works, concludes with this observation: *“Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD”* (**Psalms 107:43**).
 - 2. A wise man will hear (**Proverbs 1:5**).

III. Conclusion: Please, for the sake of your soul, have an obedient ear (**Proverbs 25:11-12; cf. Hebrews 12:24-29**).