

## “Ye Know Not What Manner Of Spirit Ye Are Of”

### I. Introduction:

- A. Sometimes, people miss the “big picture” (**Matthew 22:41-45**).
  - 1. Think about how many people hearing, hear not (**Matthew 13:13**).
  - 2. Think about how those hearing, sometimes understand not (**John 8:21-27**).
- B. It’s easy to talk about the world not “getting it”, but this problem has long existed even amongst disciples of the Lord (**John 14:1-11**).
  - 1. Even among those that, in contrast to those that hear not, do hear (**Mark 4:10-12**)...
  - 2. ... There is at times still that blockage from seeing and understanding for various reasons (**Mark 4:33, Luke 22:31-34, John 16:12**, etc.).

### II. Body: **Luke 9:43-56**

- A. Letting teaching sink down into your ears; in other words - REMEMBER; hold fast to (**Psalms 119:16, Proverbs 4:5, Proverbs 4:13, I Corinthians 15:1-2**, and **II Timothy 1:13**).
  - 1. Don’t let the things you learn slip (**Hebrews 2:1**).
  - 2. To recall the lessons from last week, about keeping the Law of God in our hearts, consider **Proverbs 3:1**.
  - 3. Don’t be a “forgetful hearer” (**James 1:25**).
- B. Don’t fail in the aspect of understanding (**Ephesians 5:17**).
  - 1. Don’t be like a horse or a mule (**Psalms 32:9**).
  - 2. Understanding takes work (**Proverbs 2:1-6**).
  - 3. It does truly come back to an earlier point of this lesson, don’t have ears that don’t hear (**Jeremiah 5:21-23**).
- C. Their conflict was whether they were of the spirit of good vs. evil (**James 3:9-18**).
  - 1. Their zeal was misplaced as was many of their day (**Romans 10:1-3**).
  - 2. They missed the goal of the life and death of Jesus (**Luke 19:1-10**; cf. **Matthew 1:21** and **I Timothy 1:13-16**).
  - 3. Jesus didn’t come to destroy His enemies (**Romans 5:10** and **Colossians 1:21**).
  - 4. He wants all men to be saved (**I Timothy 2:3-6** and **I John 2:1-2**).
  - 5. We are not the final judges and need to always remember that (**James 4:11-12**). *\*Some people take this to the extreme of compromise. We know better. We know wherein God has already judged (**John 12:48**) we must comply (i.e. **I Corinthians 5:1-13**).*

III. Conclusion: Figuratively speaking, what does your conduct reveal about the spirit you are of (**Ephesians 2:1-10** and **I John 4:1-6**)?