

THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS

Lesson Thirteen

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING (8): HEALING THE DEAF MUTE

Burden to Impart:

All men, like the deaf mute, cannot hear the Lord's voice or understand His Word. Nor can they speak to glorify Him and praise Him, unless the Savior heals them. By the Lord's salvation His sheep "hear His voice" and follow Him (John 10:27). Also they can speak for Him, sing to Him, and praise Him.

Memory Verse: "Oh Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise" (Psalm 51:15).

Facts to Teach: [Scriptural reading: Mark 7:31-35]

1. In previous lessons we saw how the Lord healed people with diseases affecting their whole body: Peter's feverish mother-in-law, the paralytic, the leper, and the impotent man. Also, we saw one man whom the Lord Jesus healed who was blind from birth.

2. In this case, the Lord heals two particular organs, the ears and the tongue, to recover the two most important functions necessary for communication and expression, hearing and speaking.

3. A man who was deaf and mute was brought to Jesus. Since we learn to speak from what we hear, a deaf person cannot speak properly or may not be able to speak at all. This is not because they are stupid or lack intelligence. Therefore it is better to say "deaf mute" rather than "deaf and dumb."

4. The deaf mute signifies a person who is spiritually deaf and who does not use his tongue to speak for the Lord. All unsaved people are such deaf mutes. The Lord's sheep are not deaf, they "hear His voice" and follow Him (John 10:27). His redeemed ones are not silent. They testify of Him and praise Him (Psa. 107:2; 30:12).

5. The Lord took the deaf mute aside and had a private dealing with him. He thrust His fingers into his ears and dealt with his hearing organs. He touched his tongue with spittle. In a very personal and intimate way the Lord touched the deaf mute and dealt with him to recover his organs of hearing and speech.

6. The Lord wants all of His believers, even the little children, to hear His voice as He touches and speaks to our heart and mind. He also wants us to be able to praise Him, sing to Him, and thank Him with our tongue.

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QUESTIONS FOR LESSON THIRTEEN

1. What does it mean to be spiritually deaf?
2. What does it mean to be spiritually mute?
3. The Lord healed the deaf mute in front of the other people.
(Mark 7:33) True ____ False ____
4. The Lord put mud into the deaf mute's ears. (Mark 7:33)
True ____ False ____
5. What did the Lord do to heal the deaf mute? (Mark 7:33)
His ears:
His tongue:
6. What did the Lord say when He looked up to heaven? (Mark 7:34)