

ARE YOU HERE TO HEAR? - Lk 6:20

1. The crowd that heard "Kingdom Manifesto" - Lk 6:17-19 focus on healing but v20ff emph's *hearing*. v18, 7:1
2. Could you imagine being w/i earshot of Jesus & not listening?

1st: Jesus Gets Eye to Eye With His Disciples - v20a

1. *turning His gaze toward His disciples* - Jesus locked eyes w/ disciples. Jesus watches us as He speaks to us.
2. Eyes communicate - Rv 1:14; Script = penetrating eyes of Jesus - Hb 4:13.

2nd: Jesus Speaks to His Disciples - v20a

1. v20 - He began to say. "Who is Jesus?" Lk 9:20. Incarnate Logos: Word
 - i. One of a kind. Only Jesus can say these words - Jn 14:10; 6:63; 7:46.
 - ii. HE began to say... if ever we needed to listen to a speaker, it is Jesus. Father at transfiguration: *listen to Him* [Lk 9:35]
2. Who will listen? Disciples whose hearing results in obedient doing.
 - i. Servant of Lord, paradigmatic disciple: Isa 50:4-5 *listen as a disciple*.
 - ii. Lk 8 parable of soils - *He who has ears to hear, let him hear* [Lk 8:8]. Conclusion of 7 letters in Rv 2-3. *My sheep hear My voice* - Jn 10:27.
3. Different kinds of people hear Jesus but He speaks to His disciples.
 - i. *a great throng of ppl* [v17], *all the ppl* [v19] - Jesus was *healing them all* [19]. Indiscriminately doing good to all.
 - ii. v17 - grt throng of ppl + *a large crowd of His discs + apostles* [v13]. Jesus fixed gaze on disciples - the ones who are here to hear - later identified as *sons of the Most High* [v35] given strategy to overcome.
4. As Jesus begins to speak, are we just in the crowd, or here to hear?

3rd: Jesus' Disciples Show That They Hear Jesus by Their Obedient Actions

1. We live out what we believe & choose to do what we value & love - Jn 13:17. We believe Jesus if we do not do His commands. Mat 7:16-23
 - i. The heart = root; the life lived = fruit.

- ii. Final Judgment: issue is our *practice*: wise or foolish [v24-27]
2. Lk 6:26 men are speaking of you; words of false prophets - v27 *But I say...* Whose words mean the most to you? Lk 6:46-49
 - i. How shld we listen? as tho our eternal lives depended on it - to do what Jesus says.
 - ii. v47 - v49 both hear, the difference is in the doing
 - iii. This is crucial b/c we will be judged by our deeds [Rm 2:6]. We will all answer Jesus' question on v46: *Do you do what I say?*
3. Mat 21:28-31a both sons given same command - wh/ son heard?
4. Jms 1:22-25 note verb tense of *delude* - ESV *deceiving themselves*. A way of thinking that runs parallel to reality but is a distortion.
 - i. We may have a lot of Bible info in our heads but if we are not intentionally acting, doing, obeying - it is not that we will be deceived, but we are deceiving ourselves
 - ii. We must examine ourselves w/ Judgment Day honesty.
5. Of all the thgs we do - hearing Jesus words is THE most important b/c how we hear determines everything else that we do, & what we do is the issue of Final Judgment as the evidence of a believing hearing of Jesus' words.
 - i. Do you prepare your heart to hear & receive the seed of Word?
 - ii. Do you engage heart while hearing as tho your life is at stake?
 - iii. Are you intentionally practicing what you hear so as to be *an effectual doer?* Fertilize & water the seed: review, pray, discuss, tell others?
6. Whose house will stand thru life's test's & hurricane of Final Judgment? Those who, like Mary, chooses that 1 necessary thg: a believing reception of Jesus' words; those *who come to Me & hear My words and acts on them*