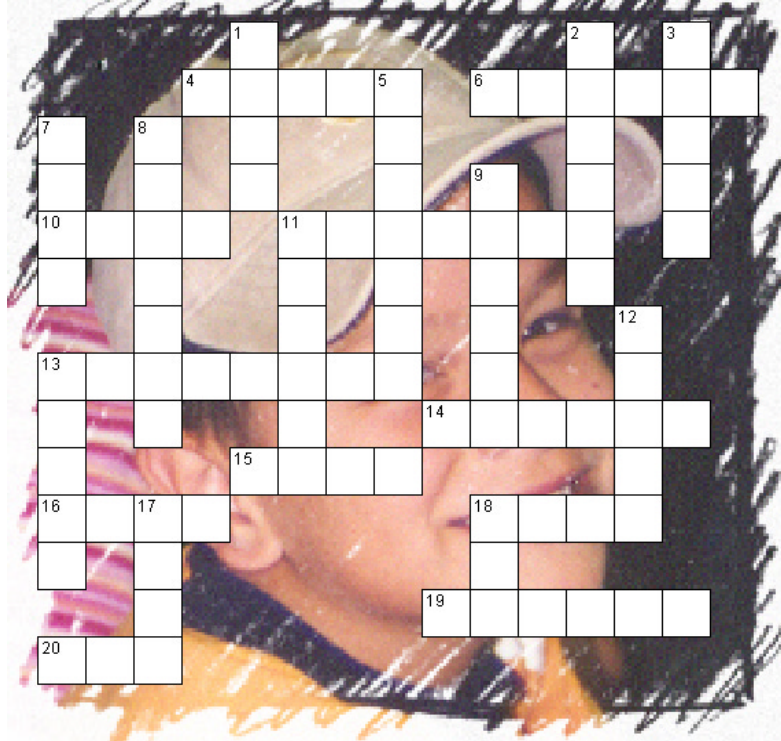


Crossword Puzzle



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| 4. We need Jesus to ____ our ears. | 1. A good way to hear the Lord Jesus is to read His ____. |
| 6. Jesus declared "Be ____!" | 2. Jesus looked up to ____. |
| 10. Man should be ____ to hear God. | 3. The Healer. |
| 11. Man was created for God's ____. | 5. ____ and speaking are related. |
| 13. God is expressed through our ____. | 7. When the Lord touches our ears, we can ____ the things of God. |
| 14. Jesus ____ the deaf and dumb man. | 8. Hearing and speaking are ____. |
| 15. Unable to hear. | 9. Jesus touched his ears and ____. |
| 16. Jesus touched his ____ and tongue. | 11. The man was able to speak the things of God and to ____ God. |
| 18. In the Gospel of ____. | 12. Because we were unable to hear God we were unable to ____ about God. |
| 19. Man is ____ to hear God. | 13. Mark chapter ____. |
| 20. Man is for containing and expressing Him. | 17. We need to ____ the Bible. |
| | 18. Created for God's expression. |



Parent's Initials:

The Ministry of the Lord Jesus

- Lesson Thirteen -

The Ministry of Healing (8) Healing the Deaf and Dumb Man

I. Overview.

When it comes to being able to hear and speak the things of God, all men are “deaf” and “dumb.” This means that we do not hear God, nor can we speak of God and know what we are talking about. We cannot speak God’s words. This is the condition of all men because of the fall. In this lesson we see how the Lord Jesus healed such a man, making him both able to hear God and able to speak the things of God and praise God.



Jesus healed the deaf and dumb man by touching his ears and tongue.

In the Gospel of Mark, as the Lord Jesus traveled and ministered in Galilee, a deaf and dumb man was brought to Him. The people asked the Lord to lay His hands on the man to heal him. The Lord Jesus took the man and touched his ears and his tongue. He looked up to heaven and then said to the man “Be opened!” Immediately the man was able to hear and speak. The story of this healing was proclaimed across the land.

II. Memory Verse.

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.”

(Psa. 51:15)

III. Lesson.

The story of the healing of the deaf and dumb man has a marvelous significance. The deaf and dumb man is actually a picture of all of fallen mankind. Because of the fall, the human vessel was greatly damaged. Additionally, we were separated from God. We were like the deaf man, unable to hear God's voice. Because we were unable to hear God, we were also unable to speak about God or to speak God's word.

Man Should Be Able to Hear God and Speak for God

Because man was created in God's image for the purpose of containing and expressing God, he should be fully able to hear God and to speak concerning God. Nonetheless, due to the fall we were "deaf" and "dumb." In Mark chapter seven is a story of the Lord Jesus healing a deaf and dumb man. He healed the man by touching his ears and tongue.



*If we cannot hear God's Word,
we will not be able to
speak God's Word.*

As fallen men, we all need to have the Lord Jesus "touch our ears" and "touch our tongue".

When we receive the Lord's touch, we will be able to hear God's voice and speak God's word.

God Wants All His Children to Hear Him and Speak of Him

God's desire is that we could hear Him. We need to turn to the Lord Jesus and open ourselves to Him. A good way to do this is to read His word. As we open ourselves to the Lord's word, He can "touch our ears". He can cause us to hear the things of God in the Bible.

Hearing God's Word Causes Us to Speak God's Word

Hearing and speaking are very closely related. We are unable to speak if we cannot hear. When the Lord Jesus touches us and we become able to hear God's speaking in His word, we become those who are able to speak for God. We become able to speak about God, and eventually, God is able to speak His words through us. This is truly a marvelous thing. It is however, what God has intended for man from the beginning. God's desire is to be fully expressed through man. One way that God is expressed is through our speaking. We all need to pray that the Lord Jesus would come to us in the Word and touch our ears and our tongues.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How did the Lord Jesus heal the deaf and dumb man?

2. What condition of man is shown by the deaf and dumb man?

3. How can we be touched by the Lord Jesus?

4. Why is it important that man can hear God?

