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DULL OF HEARING

The book of Hebrews is attributed to the Apostle Paul. Paul was a brilliant orator and spokesman when it came to the Jewish traditions, law, and scriptures. He had been a Pharisee and had insight into the religious leadership like none of the other writers in scripture. He loved his heritage and longed for them to come to the knowledge of truth through receiving their long-awaited Messiah, Jesus Christ.

In Hebrews he addresses many things and in chapter 5 he compares the priesthood of Melchisedec with the priesthood of Jesus Christ. The Jews understood who Melchisedec was because their "father" Abraham had given tithes to him after saving his nephew Lot and defeating Lot's enemies. There was much spoil taken from the enemy. Abraham gave tithes to Melchisedec of all that was taken. In chapter 7:3 Melchisedec, the king of Salem ***"without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."*** Melchisedec was more than likely the preincarnate Christ. They could not understand this.

Back to chapter 4 it says in verse 11, ***"Of whom (speaking of Jesus Christ) we have many things to say and hard to be uttered (expressed) seeing ye are dull of hearing."*** He is telling the Hebrews that they just didn't get it. They were slow to understand what he was saying.

They were looking for a Messiah that would set up a political kingdom in their day, but Jesus first came as a suffering servant (vs. 8). They couldn't comprehend that Messiah had to suffer for sin. They were looking for a political leader, not a spiritual savior.

Many times, we are looking for things in the wrong way also. We think all the political things going on are one party or the other party's fault, but the real fault of all the chaos is that the church has become "dull of hearing" also. They are focusing on things of the political realm while letting the spiritual realm decay. The Lord has never changed the reason for his coming to earth. He came to seek and save those that are lost. Are we dull of hearing to our true assignment? Is the leadership in the church complacent about equipping the saints with the Word of God to get them out into the field, instead of entertaining and focusing on things that truly draw us away from our purpose?

Just like the Jews of old, we need to get our ears cleaned out and receive the word for the hour. It is repentance. It is what is needed to be heard to prepare the way of the Lord. Just as it was the message in the hour that Jesus came the first time through John the Baptist, it must also be our message today to bring the church to its readiness for our soon coming bridegroom.

Let's not be dull of hearing. Let us not be complacent with our assignment, which is still the same as it was, "go Ye into all the world and preach the gospel..." Let us be about our Father's business while we have the freedom to do so. Again, I say, let us not be dull of hearing.