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SPIRITUAL EARS TO HEAR

PART 1

In Revelation chapters 2 and 3 we hear Jesus speaking to the seven churches. He said, ***“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”*** However, this is not the first time Jesus ever spoke of having ears to hear God’s words.

In Mark 4:3-8 Jesus was teaching the multitude by the seaside about the parable of the seed sower and the results of the seeds. Then in verse 9 he said, ***“He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear.”*** After the multitude had dispersed, his 12 disciples asked him to explain the parable (Mark 5:10) because they did not have the ears to hear and understand. In verses 13-20 Jesus had to break down the meaning of the parable for them.

In Matthew 11:7-14, Jesus was speaking to another multitude about John the Baptist. He compared John to Elijah and that John was the greatest of the prophets, but that those who would come into the kingdom of heaven (salvation under the New Covenant) were even greater than John. In verse 15 Jesus said once again, ***“He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.”*** They did not understand their spiritual position since the New Covenant granting them a place in the kingdom of heaven was not accomplished until Jesus’ resurrection. Because of this, it could not be fully revealed to their understanding.

It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the ears to hear and understand. He had not yet been imparted to them. The Holy Spirit was imparted after Jesus’ resurrection. The question is, do you and I have our ears tuned to Holy Spirit? We shall talk about that in our next lesson.