

Session 2

Ears to Hear

Jesus' preaching is the best place to learn of the responsibility of hearing, for there is no deficiency of the preacher on His part.



Opposition to Jesus' preaching came from:

- Pharisees (Matt 12:14)
- Herodians (Mark 3:6)
- Scribes (Matt 12:38)
- Own Family (Matthew 12:46)

Parable of the Sower follows this opposition

- Matt. 13:1-23 Conclusion: "Take heed that you hear" ("who has ears to hear")
- Mark 4:1-20 Conclusion: "Take heed what you hear"
- Luke 8:1-15 Conclusion: "Take heed how you hear"

Different responses are dictated by different receptivity of the hearers

- Isa 6:9-10 rejection of revelation leaves one in no position to accept further revelation
- Sower = teacher Seed = Word of God (Luke 8:11) Soil = Hearers
- Path Soil – too hard to penetrate – consumed – UNBELIEF
- Stony Soil – can germinate but not root – ABANDONMENT
- Thorns – choked out by competition – DISTRACTION
- Good soil – heard and understood – FRUITFULNESS

Area of Responsibility	Specific Responsibility of Hearer	Scriptural Support
The Heart		
	Believe in the Word of God	Mt. 13:1-23
	Put the Word of God as a priority	Mt. 13:1-23