

Sermon Outline ~ March 15, 2009
"Open Wide!" • "With Open Ears"
Matthew 13:10-17

Introduction: "Can you hear me now..?"

- We've got a hearing problem...

This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand." v. 13

- We're _____.
- We're all "_____."
- We talk _____.

- But... "He who has ears, let him hear!"

"But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it." v. 16-17

- Listening _____ (v.15a)
- Listening _____ (v.15b)
- Listening _____ (v.15c)

- God has inclined His ear to us!

The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them..." Exodus 3:7-8

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live." Ps 116:1-2

Answers to Sermon Outline: tuned to the wrong channel, blocked up, talk too much, gives a soft heart, allows understanding, provides for healing