

WE NEED THE LORD Pt. 2 (Mark 7:31-37)

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Mk. 7:31-37

MAIN IDEA--Salvation is the gracious work of God from beginning to end, therefore He gets all the glory while we enjoy His blessings in Christ alone.

MEMORY VERSES--Eph. 2:8-9

THE HEALING OF A DEAF AND MUTE MAN (Mk. 7:31-37)--Following his time in Tyre, the LORD traveled 20 miles N from Tyre to Sidon, and then went to the Greek area called the Decapolis (10 Greek-influenced cities E of the Jordan River). While there Jesus healed a Gentile man who was brought to Him, revealing His compassion and grace to people, including Gentile nations.

INABILITY (Mk. 7:32)--Man is unable to get to God by himself. Someone must bring God to us through the message of the Gospel just like this man who was deaf was brought to Jesus. Left to himself, this man had no way to encounter Jesus nor could he hear or adequately speak to express his need.

3 social and philosophical barriers that would make life difficult for a deaf person: 1) Those who were deaf were ostracized and socially rejected.

2) Those who were deaf were considered to be mentally disabled due to their inability to hear or speak.

3) Those who were deaf were thought of as being under God's judgment because of their deafness or blindness (**Jn. 9:1-3**).

Rom. 8:7-8; 1 Cor. 2:14; Jn. 6:44

GRACE (Mk. 7:33-35)--Since this man was unable to hear or speak clearly, he wouldn't have known about Jesus being near except some of his family or friends reached out to him. They brought this man to Jesus and the Lord graciously made time to personally minister to him in an amazing way.

Mt. 15:29-30

Lk. 19:4, 7

Commentator William Hendricksen writes 6 things regarding this healing--

1. Jesus may have been using sign language to explain what He was doing .
2. **The fingers in the ears-** "Something will be done for your ears...and I will do it."
3. **The touch of the tongue-**"Something will be done for your tongue...and I will do it."
4. **The spit-** His intention was to heal, as saliva was thought to have medical properties
5. **The look to Heaven-** indicating His help came from above
6. **The Sigh-** the sympathizing Jesus taking the man's condition to heart-(William Hendricksen-Baker's New Testament Commentary).

Is. 53:4; Heb. 4:15-16

Eph. 2:8-9

GLORY (Mk. 7:36-37)--The deaf man had been miraculously healed and given the ability to speak, yet Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone. Nevertheless the Gentile crowd told others more and more. Consequently, the crowd was struck with amazement, accurately saying, *'He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak (V37).*

Mk. 5:19

Mt. 15:31

Gal. 6:14-15