Who Can Hear It?

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Prayer

Father in the name of Jesus, as we seek your face through your word tonight, breathe on us in Jesus name, show us your mercy and touch every heart in Jesus name(Amen).

Study

The Lord Jesus Christ taught in the synagogue at Capernaum and at the end many were offended at His teaching and said it is hard and who can hear it? they could not understand it and then wondered who would be able to. The teachers of the laws were there, the preservers of the laws were also present. Therefore, if it is then hard for them to understand, many would have thought that who then would have been able to understand it. Looking carefully into the Lord Jesus Christ's ministry, we can see that He had many disciples and they fell into different categories. Some were among the multitudes, some were among the seventy, some among the twelve, some were the three and there were secret disciples too, there were those who financed His ministry among others. But here we are made to know that MANY of His disciples, not few, found His teaching hard to understand and they concluded that no one can hear it. What did the Lord teach that was so hard for them to understand? He taught about Him being the bread of life. When the Lord observed that many of the multitudes were following Him because of food (loaves) and

not because they believed in Him then the Lord said to them that they should not labor (Struggle) for the food that perishes but for that which endures to everlasting life. John 6:27 KJV Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Of a truth, many are like that today, they are after the physical things of this world, which would easily perish, they are not concerned about eternal peace things, though they go to church, pray, and even fast, but all are for them to live comfortable lives here on earth, but the Lord told them to seek instead for that which has eternal value.

Then they sought for a sign saying their fathers did ate Manna for more than 38 years in the deserts to prove to them that He was present with Moses, so they wanted similar sign but there was a twist when the Lord decided to explain to them using bread and blood as symbolism in order to explain divine truths to them but they could not understand. He just said the bread of God is He who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world. John 6:33 KJV For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then they told Him to give them this bread. Then here comes the cause of contention in their Hearts.

John 6:35 KJV And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. they could not believe their ears because they have been familiar with Jesus, they have seen Him, they knew His earthly background. Some of them knew His earthly parents, sisters and brothers so they became shocked at such teaching, why would he say that? they did not know about Christ's divine identity and mission.

That was what happened when Nicodemus came to Jesus Christ and He told him that he needs to be born again or else he would not be able to enter the kingdom of God, The Lord used physical things to explain spiritual truths but he could not understand just like the multitude too. He went further and said John 3:12 KJ If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? how much more if he told him heavenly things. He then said some truths with mystery in John 3:13 KJV And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. Jesus often refers to Himself as the Son of man and He was on earth talking with Nicodemus yet He said "**the son of Man which is in heaven**" not "**was in Heaven**". This is a mystery. While he was on earth ministering, Jesus was also in Heaven in the Spirit realm. Being in two places at the same time is also the privilege given to every believer. We are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms and living our earthly life to please Him. This is what it means to be in Christ. Many times when we pray, study, and praise we leave this realm in the Spirit but many do not know. Ephesians 2:6 KJV And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: in the realm of the Spirit there is no distance, this was why Jesus Christ could be on earth and the same time be in Heaven, so the Lord was telling Nicodemus that only those who are seated in the heavenly realms will understand spiritual truths.

(Some Bible Translation translates it as "**the son of Man Who Came From Heaven**" but the Aramaic is clearly "**who is in Heaven**" and since spiritual truths can only be understood by those who sit with Christ in the heavenly realm, the multitude could not understand what the Lord meant by eating and drinking the bread and the blood.

John 6:41-42 KJV

The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. [42] And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Over-familiarity complex set in and they could not believe their ears. But the Lord said further saying, anyone who believes in Him has an everlasting life. John 6:47 KJV Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. Saying John 6:48 KJV I am that bread of life. Matters then turned worse for them when the Lord said John 6:51 KJV I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Thus, they started quarreling because He said the bread is His flesh which He will give to the world. The thing is that Jesus knew that these words were offending the religious Jews. Because eating flesh that was not ritually fit according to Jewish law was a violation of the law, how much more to eat human flesh. Drinking blood of any kind is also forbidden. So, they picked offense in what He said and they asked "who can hear it?" Spiritual truths most times sound strange. In the same way there are many gospel Truths that when preached today those who are not seated with Christ in the heavenly places will not be able to hear it. One major thing we battle today in Christendom is the inability of those who profess to be Christians to understand the truths of the word of God, many are dull of hearing, they turn their backs at gospel truths because they are void of the Spirit of Truth. Many were converted by diluted gospel and once a person is not converted by the truth of the gospel, such will hold onto false

conversion. This is why we have so many who claim to be Christians but are not Christ's disciples. There are those who cannot endure sound doctrine. 2 Timothy 4:3 KJV For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; just like then, those men could not endure sound doctrine that the Lord Jesus Christ preached, that is the same way it is today which is why they have heap to themselves teachers having itchy ears, those who would tell them things they love to hear.

Haven't you wondered why pure bible teaching on holiness, righteousness, justification, faithfulness, restitution, circumcision of the hearts etc are missing on the altar of most churches today? This is simple because their members cannot hear it? It is so difficult for them to believe and the reason is because they are not genuinely saved. And since the leaders of these churches do not want them to leave, they feed them with what they want to hear. There's nothing you can do to make those who are not seated with Christ in the heavenly places understand the matters pertaining to life and godliness. 2 Peter 1:3 KJV According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: it is better to preach the truth to them so that they can leave this earthly realm in the Spirit if not there would always be a problem and they would not stay. Changing the gospel to please any would not help. There are biblical truths that many find difficult to understand today and they keep asking who can hear it? Firstly, you must understand that you are not the one to dictate how and what God's will should be. His will has already been established right from the foundation of the world and it cannot change. You are the one who then is expected to key into

His will and not His will bending into your own will. This was what these many disciples did not understand that made them think they are all right with what they have already known, which is why they got offended. *A man who would want his will to be God's will and not God's will to be his own will is only calling for problems because he will get frustrated.*

Those who are not seated with Christ in the heavenly places cannot understand the mystery behind the triune God.

THE TRIUNE GOD - DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

It is foolishness to those who are void of the Spirit to say God is three in one. In fact, greater foolishness to say Jesus Christ is God. This is one problem the Muslims have with Christianity which has taken eternal life from them. They consider it foolish to say God has a Son. But the scriptures made it clear that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. John 3:16 KJV For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. They claim Christians have three God's which is not so, Christians serve one God who manifests Himself in three ways. It is a mystery they cannot hear, explaining this to them can be a bit difficult because it is a thing of the Spirit and the carnal man cannot understand it. 1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. Before he can understand it he must leave the state of carnality and his heart gets illuminated with light. It is because many Christians are still carnal today even while in the church and are also void of knowledge that is why many believe that Jesus Christ is only the Son of God and not God. Whereas there are many scriptural references

that clearly state the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ that He is the true God.

a. **Jesus Christ said He and His Father are One:** John 10:30 KJV I and my Father are one. That is, they are One of the same nature, the same stature, they are inseparable this was why Jesus Christ said in John 17:21 KJV That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. When He was praying for His disciples as He was about leaving the earth, He said "as thou Father hath in Me and I in thee" from this he made it clear once again that they are One.

b. **Jesus Christ made it clear to Philip:** John 14:8-9 KJV Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. [9] Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Philip told Jesus Christ to show them the Father and Jesus' reply was direct. Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. He said He's in the Father and the Father is in Him. John 14:10 KJV Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. From this it means that if we are to see the Father we have also seen Christ. The scriptures say in Colossians 2:9 KJV For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Godhead comprises God the Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. And in Jesus Christ these three are dwelling. This is why we get baptized in the name of Jesus Christ because He is three in one.

c. **He actively participated in The Creation as the word of God:** Everything God created in the beginning he created by the command

of let there be and scripture says there was, the word that came out to do these things was Jesus Christ. Psalm 33:6 KJV By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. The Apostle John has something to tell us John 1:1-3 KJV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. Now some might say how is Jesus the word of God? Revelation 19:13 KJV And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And John said the word became flesh, John 1:14 KJV And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. then let's start replacing what John said with the name "Jesus" instead of "the word" since Jesus is the word, and we will discover the truth. John 1:1-3 KJV In the beginning was (JESUS), and (JESUS) was with God, and (JESUS) was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. if we then say God created heaven and earth, we are therefore saying Jesus Christ created heaven and earth. This is what is difficult for many to hear. Are we to talk about the testimony God the Father Himself gave concerning His own son?

d. **God the Father called His Son God:** Hebrews 1:8-10 KJV But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. [9] Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. [10] And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: God said "Thy throne O'

God" if God the Father can say His son is God who are we to say He's not, but many find it hard and difficult to understand.

"Therefore God, even thy God"

Now the Father calls Jesus God and also refers to Himself as His God. Then He says Jesus Christ laid the foundation of the Earth and the heavens are the works of His hands. We read that God created heaven and earth, this is a proof that Jesus Christ is God and that Jesus Christ created heaven and earth.

e. **John the Beloved says Jesus is the true God:** This is a disciple who worked with Jesus Christ physically on earth and he was the most loved disciple among Jesus' disciples, yet he calls Jesus Christ God which means he saw proves beyond reasonable doubt during his close walk with Him that He is God. 1 John 5:20 KJV And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. THIS IS THE TRUE GOD, AND ETERNAL LIFE.

This is the true God and eternal life. Those who seek after other gods are ignorant. Those who do not accept this truth also are ignorant and are far from the kingdom of God, all those that would have eternal life must come to the knowledge of the truth. They must come to know Jesus Christ who is the truth, and that He is true, they must be in Him who is true and not doubt Him. The truth about the triune God is a knowledge everyone who is saved in Christ must know and believe in, if indeed they are preparing for heaven, The Lord was trying to explain it to the multitude and they could not understand it, so they asked, who can hear it? Well, it is a question, there are those who can hear it.

i. **These are those whom The Father has drawn to Him:** John 6:44 KJV No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

ii. **These are those who have been ordained to eternal life:** Acts 13:48 KJV And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

iii. **These are those who The Father has given to the Lord Jesus Christ:** John 6:37 KJV All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

In the same way no matter how gospel truths seem hard especially in this generation those who can hear it will wait to hear it. That is why we do not change the gospel for anyone to accept it. Many of Jesus' disciples stopped following Him as from that time yet He continued. John 6:66 KJV From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Not "few" people left but "many" but the Lord asked the 12 disciples if they also want to go, He did not look at it that many people had gone, so "I think I need to change My message" but He asked them to know if the truth also offended them and they also choose to go away for He would not bend the truth to accommodate lies. But Peter said John 6:68-69 KJV Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. [69] And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. This means that despite what many thought about Christ's teaching there were some who would not leave because they have been ordained to eternal life.

Man of God this concerns you so much no matter how the truth you look sounds, which seems as though many might leave but note that those whom the Lord has chosen for Himself will wait behind. Why not preach the truth and let the multitude who are not ready to go to heaven leave on their own accord? So that you can focus on those who really want to cross heaven's gate? Trying to keep the multitude of those who do not have anything to do, will only do much harm to the sheep in your care, why not let the goats leave for telling the truth. You don't need to pamper anyone with lies. A similar thing happened here years ago when this Ministry started, many people left this ministry because they got offended for the truth but in the midst of it all some waited and are still here today.

Those people who left The Lord stopped believing in His ministry which was why they left. Listen, it is not everyone that will believe in your ministry and your calling especially when it's stands on the truth, people will certainly find it hard to hear! That is the same way many stopped believing that the Lord Jesus Christ actually sent the coordinators of this ministry when they could no longer contain the raw truths being taught here. If it could happen here, it can happen to you too, so don't feel disappointed at all. Those whom the Lord has drawn to Himself would remain, you don't have the power to keep anyone, Christ does. In the same way let those who The Lord has called to Himself remain and those who would not listen or obey the truth leave on their own accord that Christ's message may be preached undiluted. No matter how these messages sounds unbelievable there are those who are ready to hear it. And they will, because they know that the words of eternal life reside in the truth of the gospel. They asked who can hear it? The reply is simply, those who have true conversion can hear it.

Those who have genuine repentance and true conversion love the truth and they seek it with all their lives, they can go any length to hear it, they hate to listen to lies even though those lies are sweet to the ears, yet they choose to follow the truth. This is the time for self examination, you need to ask yourself this question, do I love to hear the truth? Remember we are in the last days where people no longer want to hear the truth because they now have itchy ears. 2 Timothy 4:3-4 KJV For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; [4] And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

You see that? It is common today, people want to hear what they love that will suit their fleshly desires not what the Lord wants. But as for you, turn away from such lifestyle and pursue after truth, righteousness, holiness without which no one shall see the Lord.

Do you also love to hear the truth as an individual?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Lord Jesus Christ, open my heart to the mystery of Your word in Jesus Christ name.

2. Help me Lord Jesus Christ not to compromise the truth of Your word in Jesus name.

3. Father, separate the sheep from the goats in my ministry in Jesus Christ name.

4. Lord, help me to prepare souls for heaven and not hell in Jesus Christ's name.

5. Father give me the Grace to remain steadfast in You in Jesus Christ name.

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