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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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They see and hear not, what you see and hear (PT. 1)

MATTHEW 13:10-17 NLT - (10) His disciples came and asked him, "Why do you use **parables** when you talk to the people?" (11) He replied, "You are **permitted** to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but **others** are **not**. (12) ***To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge.*** But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. (13) That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand. (14) This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, 'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. (15) ***For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes—so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.*** (16) "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. (17) I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn't hear it.

Parable - is a story designed to teach a moral.

I do not claim to be better than others, but God has and still is allowing me to see and hear many things that are not of Him. It can be very challenging, overwhelming, discouraging and even heart breaking at times. He allows me to see and hear my own faults as well. The purpose of this is to make sure that I learn and don't make the same mistakes. The key to this is change (a genuine relationship). Many say they want the same, but their actions do not line up with the instructions or word of God. Therefore, they can not comprehend to what you know and at times will turn against you because they are not or were never for the true and living God. We understand God's word as written. We are filled with more than just knowledge, but we also have the wisdom and understanding of what is said by God. What is the key? Verse (12). Do not be intimidated. If God is for you, who can be against you? Most of these things are going on in our churches. The word of God is being compromise instead of truly following it. Keep also in mind that the enemy can also make you believe that you are hearing and seeing correctly. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 15:1-5

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If God is for you, who can be against you?

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