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Introduction

This is Part Two of this Mini-Book series on the subject of Eyes to See. Mini-Books are great in some respects, but they only contain a small amount of information. There is much more to the subject of seeing with our spiritual eyes and hearing with our spiritual ears than what can be written in one Mini-Book.

There is a lot that was written in Part One, that is important to understand about seeing with our spiritual eyes, and hearing with our spiritual ears. It would be very helpful if those reading this Mini-Book were to first read Part One.

In Matthew 13:10, Jesus' disciples asked Him, **“Why speakest thou unto them in parables?”** Jesus' answer to them was, **“Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given”** (Matt. 13:11).

When Jesus said this to His disciples, He was not speaking to the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees. Jesus was speaking to His disciples, whom God the Father had chosen for Jesus. All of Jesus' disciples were given to Jesus by God the Father (John 17:12). Jesus knew how to hear with His spiritual ears, and see with His spiritual eyes, that He could do the will of God the Father. Those disciples given to Jesus by the Father were among the lost sheep of Israel, to whom Jesus was sent (Matt. 15:24).

Jesus was quoting from the prophecy of Isaiah, when He said, **“And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive...For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them”** (Matt. 13:14,15).

Why did Isaiah write that? Simply, because the Children of Israel at the time of Isaiah, had forsaken the LORD. In 2 Kings 10:9, it says, **“And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.”** Then in 2 Kings 10:12, it says, **“Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.”**

The Children of Israel knew all about God, and how their tribes were brought out of Egypt and into the wilderness to be taught by the LORD. In the wilderness they were given the Law by Moses. After Moses died, Joshua brought them into the land of promise. Over the years, from the time in the wilderness to the time of Isaiah, they kept turning away from the LORD.

How many Christians today have eyes to see and cannot see what has been revealed to us in the Scriptures? How many are following those who are not being taught by God?

We are living in the times when the true Gospel of the Kingdom of God should be taught throughout the world (Matt. 24:14). Is the true gospel of the Kingdom being taught? Are there some teaching another gospel?

It is important that we learn to see with our spiritual eyes and hear with our spiritual ears, lest we should be deceived by those who think they are doing the will of God, when in fact they are following another spirit. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Galatia, **“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel...Which**

is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ...But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:6-8).

Christians need to know if what they are being taught is from God or from another source, which Paul called another gospel?

Eyes to See, & Ears to Hear

Many today are teaching from the Old Testament, that which they think is of God. They do not understand why Christians need the Old Testament. The Old Testament is the foundation of the New Testament. It is only needed so that Christians can get a good foundation, so they can learn “to walk in the Spirit, and not in the flesh.”

In the times of the Old Testament, God was working with people who were “born of the flesh” and lived “according to the flesh.” They were not spiritual people, they were natural people, in the likeness and image of Adam, after he sinned in the garden of Eden. Once sin and death came upon man in the garden of Eden, God needed time to reveal His will for mankind.

In the New Testament, Christians are born of the Spirit and the Word of God (John 3:6; 1 Peter 1:23). Christians should be living according to the Spirit of God and the Word of God. Therefore, in the New Testament it says, **“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh...For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would”** (Gal. 5:16,17).

How can we **“walk in the Spirit”** if we cannot see in the spirit? How can anyone see in the spirit if their eyes are blinded by the teachings of men? The problem with the Children of Israel at the time of the Prophet Isaiah was “the teachings of men.” They did not understand how to know what was of God and what was of man?

We still have the same problem today among many Christians. Many are following the teachings of men and are not seeing what God is trying to show them, and not hearing what God is saying to them. How far can a blind and deaf person go in this world? Will they not stumble and fall?

There is a major difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament. It is similar to the difference between light and darkness (1 John 1:5,6). Darkness cannot stand against Light. Light puts out darkness. When Light comes the darkness leaves. The Darkness has no power over Light. Light has power over Darkness.

Those who have spiritual eyes to see and spiritual ears to hear, and are not blinded by the teachings of men have power over all the works of the enemy. Those whose spiritual eyes have been blinded and spiritual ears are dull of hearing, are like people in the world who are born blind and deaf.

When a child is born into this world, they have natural eyes to see and ears to hear. But, until they are taught to know what they are seeing and understand what they are hearing, they are still babies, without knowledge and understanding. Therefore, in the world someone needs to teach a new born baby to understand what they are seeing and what they are hearing.

This is the same way it is in the realm of the Spirit. Once a person is born again of the Spirit and the Word of God, someone must teach them to understand what they are seeing in the spiritual realm and what they are hearing in the spiritual realm?

God can teach a new born baby “in Christ” how to know “what is what in the Spiritual realm?” This is where Christians are deceived by the enemy. Not everyone who says they are called of God can teach them how to see in the spirit and hear in the spirit. Therefore, when someone comes and says they are an Apostle, a Prophet, a Teacher, or Pastor, Christians start listening to them instead of listening to the Holy Spirit within them. Christians who follow those become deceived by

the teachings of men.

Why is it that Christians are so easily deceived by the teachings of men? Simply, because they listen to men, rather than listen to their spirit, where God is in them working to will and do His will. In Philippians 2:13, it says, **“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”** If God is working from within us, why are Christians looking to those who are not in us to teach us?

In my life, I went from place to place, here and there, to try to get to know how to hear from God? I was doing all I knew to learn how to hear from God. I even spent two years in Bible School, hoping to learn to hear from God. When all the time, God was in me, trying to teach me how to hear His voice and know the difference between what is of God and what is not of God?

What a waste of time? Not only that it was a waste of time, but it also made things harder for me to learn the voice of the Spirit and know what was of God and what was not of God?

How can people, who are born again of the Spirit and the Word of God be so easily deceived when it comes to seeing in the spirit, and hearing the voice of God? If all we know is what the world taught us, we do not know anything when it comes to walking in the Spirit and being led by the Holy Spirit. It is like a child born into this world. Would you tell “a baby” to get into an airplane and fly from the United State to Africa? They do not even know what an airplane is.

When someone comes and says they are a prophet, we need to know the difference between a true prophet and a false prophet. Most of the time, when someone comes and says they are a prophet, they are not a true prophet. A true prophet does not need to tell anyone they are a prophet. We will know they are a prophet by the way they live, the way they talk, the evidence is clearly seen by their attitude and example. A true prophet never exalts himself, and never looks for a reward for what he does (2 Kings 5:15,16). A true prophet hears from God and does only that which God tells him to do.

One example of a true prophet in the Old Testament is the prophet Elijah. In 1Kings 17:1, it says, **“And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.”** Elijah did not need to tell King Ahab that he was a great prophet sent by God. All Elijah had to do was what the LORD told him to do.

Once Elijah did what he knew the LORD wanted him to do, it says, **“And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying...Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan...And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there”** (1 Kings 17:2-4).

Elijah knew he heard from the LORD. Therefore it says, **“So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan...And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook”** (1 Kings 17:5,6).

If we want to know who is a true prophet today, look for one who is willing to let some “dirty old crows” feed him. Do not look for those who need a fully paid first class airplane fare to fly where they go. Do not look for those who must have a “paid in full,” Embassy Suite in a Five Star Hotel before they come. Do not look for those who need a thousand dollars up-front before they will consider coming. That is of the flesh, and not of the Spirit.

In 1 Kings 17:7-9, it says, **“And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up,**

because there had been no rain in the land...And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying...Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.” Notice that “...the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.” Was Elijah hearing the voice of the LORD? Certainly, that is why it did not rain after Elijah spoke to King Ahab.

Notice that the LORD did not tell Elijah to go to some king some place and eat at a kings table and sleep in some kings special bedroom. The LORD told Elijah to go ”...to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.”

In 1 Kings 17:10-12 it says, “So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink...And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand...And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

This poor widow woman was gathering wood to make her last meal. Then she was ready to die because of a lack of food. Did Elijah truly hear the voice of the LORD when he was at the brook?

In 1 Kings 17:13,14, it says, “And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son...For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.” Did Elijah hear from the LORD?

In 1 kings 17:15,16 it says, “And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days...And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.”

If Christians want to know who is a true prophet, study the Scriptures, and God will show us the difference between a true prophet and a false prophet.

There are three things a Christian must do if they want to spend eternity with God. These are listed in Romans 12:1-3. (1). Present our body a living sacrifice unto God. (2). Be not conformed to this world. (3). Do not think more highly of ourselves than we ought.

When it comes to prophets, see what Jesus said in Matthew 23:10-12. Jesus was a true Prophet. Jesus never did his own will. Jesus only did that which His Father told Him. Jesus did not do anything unless He first heard from His Father. Jesus did not go around telling people, how Great He was. Jesus did not advertise to tell people where He was going. A true prophet does not need to tell others they are a prophet. We will know them by their attitude (the way they conduct themselves, and by the way they live).

What is written above is to help others learn how to hear from God and not be deceived by the teachings of men. The Bible was first written by holy men of God, who received their information from the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21). If we want to know the truth, we must get it from the Holy Spirit, not from men.

Start by studying the Bible. But be careful, for many Bibles today are not what God said, but rather what men want us to believe God said. The Bible was first written in Hebrew, Chaldees, and

Greek. Men, have taken what was first written and translated it into other languages. In their translations, they have made many mistakes. We need to know what is a work of man and what is a work of the Holy Spirit? If we listen to our spirit, God will reveal what is not of God.

How can we know what is of God and what is of the Holy Spirit? The best way is to go to Isaiah 28:9-13 and see what it says about how God teaches His people?

In Isaiah 28:9 it says, **“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.”** Get wisdom. We should not try driving a car when we are still in diapers. We first need to learn how to see with our eyes and hear with our ears. Christians should first get off the milk of the Word and get into eating the meat of the Word (Heb. 5:12-14).

God knows what we know, and God also knows what we do not know. God is not ignorant. God has all wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. God will start with what we know and then add to that, as we grow spiritually. If we get in a hurry, we will most likely go too fast and get into all sorts of things we should stay away from. If we want to keep believing the things we have been taught by men, it will take a long time before God can teach us anything.

As an example, God had a plan for Moses already when he was born into this world. It took eighty years for God to humble Moses to the point where Moses would listen and obey the LORD. Moses was an educated man. But God had to get Moses away from the educated people and get him out in the desert where the LORD could teach him how to hear from God. Moses knew he was called by God to help the Children of Israel, but he first had to learn how God operates.

Most of what I learned in my first forty-five years of my life I had to unlearn. We must first stop trying to live our lives the way the world teaches us, and let the LORD be in control of what we do. Until the LORD gets control of our lives, we will never come to the point in our lives where God can teach us spiritual things.

The best way to get rid of the religious teachings in our lives is to spend as much time in studying the Bible as we can. If we limit yourself to less than two and one-half hours a day, we will limit God from working in our lives. This is “tithing our time with God.” If we cannot take two and one-half hours a day to spend with God, then we are not truly serious about God.

Most likely, we do not truly want God to teach us. Some have already made up their minds that they know what they want, and they do not need God. That is the same attitude that Lucifer had, when he was in the third heavens. Lucifer did not want what God had planned for him. He wanted to do things his own way (Ezek. 28:12).

If Christians are not willing to spend time with God, they should not expect God to spend time with them. God is offering Christians eternity in heaven. If Christians do not want what God offers them, then they are following another spirit sent by the Devil.

We must stay “in the milk of the Word” until God weans us from the teachings of men. When we learn to listen to God and stop listening to men, then God can start to teach us something. God cannot teach those who think they already know.

Once we get weaned from “the milk of the Word,” God will be able to teach us the first principles of His Word. The first principle of the Word starts by God teaching us according to Isaiah 28:10, which says, **“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.”** In the worlds system of teaching, people do not start to learn arithmetic without first learning that one plus one equals two. If we think we can add

two and five together and get one, we will be like some of the students that graduate from some of the schools today. They have a diploma, with very little education.

It is like some who say they are a prophet, but they do not know the difference between a prophecy and a word of knowledge. They do not know the difference between their mind and their spirit. That is ignorance gone to seed, as some say. God knows how to teach “**...precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, and there a little,**” until we learn how God teaches us from our spirit.

The first thing God must do is get us to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Until we start speaking in tongues, God cannot do very much in our lives. Remember, we are no longer in Adam, but in Christ. This is a whole new way of living.

God has His own language that He uses to communicate with us from our spirit (1 Cor. 14:2). God works from our spirit, not from our mind. The world works from their mind, not from their spirit. There is as much difference between our mind and our spirit as there is between the natural man of the flesh and the spiritual man of the spirit.

We should not try to get ahead of God with our mind, but learn to listen to our spirit. It is from our spirit that God will teach us all things. If we do not know the difference between our mind and our spirit, how will we know if it is God speaking to us or not?

The Devil speaks to our mind twenty-four hours a day. We have been hearing from the Devil from the day we were born into this world. It is now time to learn to hear from our spirit, where God works from within us to do His good pleasure (Job 32:8; Phil. 2:13).

How can a person who is born of the Spirit, and lives in the Spirit, continue to live in the spirit if they cannot hear the voice of God speaking to them from their spirit? What kind of a God would have a new born child, and not teach His own child spiritual things?

We know there are men and women in the world who have children and do not teach them. But God is not a man that He should lie (Num. 23:19).

God's Word is Truth, and God will do what He says He will do in His Word. If we “do not know” what God says in His Word, how can God help us? God does everything according to His Word.

If we want to spend eternity with God, then we must stop trying to tell God what to do and start learning what to do by letting God tell us what to do. God does not do what the Devil wants us to do. If we follow the thoughts the Devil puts in our mind, and expect God to do what we want Him to do, we will not get very far with God.

God is not ignorant. God knows what He is doing all the time. God never changes, and neither does His Word change.

In Isaiah 28:11, it says, “**For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.**” If we do not know what that means, then we need to keep studying the Scriptures until we do know.

Isaiah was not speaking of the Children of Israel at that time. They were not born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Isaiah was prophesying of the New Covenant. Only those in the New Covenant are born again in Christ Jesus. Only those who are born again can speak with another tongue by the anointing of the Holy Spirit within them.

Even after Christians begin to speak with another tongue as the Holy Spirit gives them the unction, they still need to keep studying the Word of God. Isaiah 28:12,13 says, “**To whom he said,**

This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear...But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.”

Until a Christian is broken of their own will, and have put down all pride and self-righteousness, they still need to be taught the first principles of God. We do not stop learning, just because we speak in tongues. That is only the beginning of learning to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.

Before I was truly born again, I knew God was working in my life. I experienced things happening that were not normal. I knew it was God, but I did not know why God was doing things in my life?

At about the age of sixteen, I made a deal with my father. I told him that if he would let me buy an automobile from my older brother for seventy-five dollars, I would make sure I went to church every Sunday. I would also take my brothers and sisters along to church if they wanted to go. My father was a farmer and I had nine brothers and sisters. Many times, my father thought it was more important to make hay while the sun was shining than to go to church. My father was not against going to church, but thought some things were more important.

My father agreed to let me buy my brother's car. By that, I became a very religious person, doing what I was taught by the pastors of the churches I attended. Not that they were wrong, but it was man teaching me, not God teaching me.

When I first got truly born again, the desires of my heart changed almost completely. I lost all desire for the things of this world, and only wanted to study the Bible almost day and night. I had read my Bible from the time I was a child. I learned a lot about the Bible, according to my understanding.

Once I was truly born again, it was like as though the Bible changed. I was seeing things that I read that were not what I was taught. It was a whole new way of living. God's Word is alive, and it brings spiritual life to a new creature in Christ.

Once I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, I began to notice "positive thoughts" coming to my mind in such a way, that without thinking I would start talking to the LORD, concerning the thoughts that came to me. For some reason, unknown to me at the time, the thoughts would come when I was thinking about something totally different. Then, without thinking I found myself talking to the LORD without thinking of what I was saying until I already said it.

This seemed to continue, many times. At first I did not pay any attention to what was happening. It just seemed to be a normal thing in my life at that time.

I just kept studying the Bible and praying in the Spirit as much as I could. One day I was reading in Matthew where the LORD said to His disciples, **"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given"** (Matt. 13:11). From my natural mind, without thinking, I said out loud, *"LORD I already know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven."* That goes to show how the flesh can get in the way of the Spirit. The flesh thinks it knows more than the Spirit. The flesh wants to do its own will, and not submit to the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

We need to learn to bring the flesh under subjection to the Spirit of God within us. We need

to keep quiet and listen to what is being taught us by the Holy Spirit. All I knew was what men had taught me, which was not what the Spirit wanted to teach me.

I kept going to churches and even went to Bible School to learn “how to hear the voice of the LORD?” I would ask people, “*How does God speak to you?*” Most of the times I did not even get an answer. Other times they would say, “*God always speaks to me. I know His voice.*” That did not help me at all.

One day I was talking to a Pastor friend of mine on the telephone. I asked him, “*Why is it that I keep getting parts of Scripture verses coming to me when I am not thinking about the Bible or anything concerning the Bible?*” He said to me, “*That is how the Holy Spirit teaches us. He uses that to get our attention so we will go look it up and see what it says in the Bible. Then, when we are studying the Bible the Holy Spirit leads us to notice things we were not aware of.*”

For years, God was teaching me things and I did not know how God teaches us. It all begins with our desire to do the will of God, and be taught by God. God knows if we are willing to be taught by God? God knows if our heart is right, and we want to do His will. God is not ignorant. God knows everything. It is those who think they know everything that lead us in the wrong direction. If we would do what it says in the Bible, God will teach us all things.

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