

Deaf and Dumb! SPIRIT!

Matt. 13:14 Seeing they do not see, hearing they do not hear and do not understand.

II Cor. 4:4 A mind blinding spirit to keep from salvation. (Unbelievers and believers)

They refused to believe and so Satan got the power to blind their thoughts. That happens with willful disbeliever's. (not just the unsaved)

What are the effects of a deaf and dumb spirit?

1. Cannot hear

Deaf: unwilling or refusing to listen. Heedless - "deaf to our warnings of imminent danger" - "Turns a deaf ear" - Not capable of being effected.

2. Cannot speak

No power to speak, unwilling to speak, silent - lacking intelligence, stupid.

Both of these symptoms are dangerous in the body of Christ and also in our personal relationship with God.

3. Also please note that Jesus called this spirit "UNCLEAN"

Characteristics of an unclean spirit.

1. Not Clean (vile, wicked, unholy, not pure, polluted, defiled etc.) Speech, thoughts, deeds.
2. Dirty life and lifestyle (a sign of a spiritual condition is in the way the natural looks)
3. Out of order, no discipline (lateness, not keeping their word, sloppy)
4. Carries darkness
5. Lying

The text - Mark 9:14-29

Ver 18 What this spirit does.

1. Throws him down

Rejection, low or wrong image of who we are in Christ.

The devil is a liar (John 8:44)

2. Foams at the mouth

When we get down, depressed, troubled, what do we do.

Junk, wrong words, Carnal words, flow from our mouths.

3. Gnashes his teeth

Angry - We get mad at everything but the real enemy. Strife, hatred, jealousy. We try and blame every thing or every one but ourselves.

4. Becomes Rigid

Unmovable, religious, unteachable,

Ever learning, but never coming to the truth.

- In Worship we have to be prompted to worship God. We do it by rote not by the spirit, it is not true free worship of God.
- Are our service so structured that we cannot be spontaneous in worship without fear of retribution.
- Another indication of this being in effect is the people have to be pulled or prodded to move into worship or into the things of the Spirit.
- This can cause extreme tiredness on the leaders because of the drain on them in the spirit.

Ver 19 Jesus addresses their problem. O Faithless generation, how long will I be with you and how long will I bear with you (put up with your unbelief)

- Some believe the ruling demon over the church today is unbelief - the ruling power over unbelief is the deaf and dumb spirit.
- We find that unbelief causes the heavens to be brass
Unbelief creates an atmosphere that hinders God and the anointing for deliverance.
- Jesus could do no mighty miracles in Nazareth. He did mighty things in Capernum. Mark 6:5

- The deaf and dumb spirit makes us dull to hearing seeing and understanding.
This spirit effects our learning ability, concentration, memory and probably more.
- We say we believe but we still have unbelief in our heart of hearts.
- Faith makes everything possible - Unbelief makes everything impossible.
- Meditation in the Word overcomes unbelief. Prov 4:20
- Faith is diligent and never gives up, stops or backs down. Heb 11:6
- Unbelief is faith in failure.

Ver 20 The spirit reacts to Jesus (to the anointing and His presence)

It convulsed him (tear)
He fell to the ground
Foaming at the mouth.

When Jesus shows up all hell breaks loose.

The anointing can make people nervous, it causes manifestations of internal issues.

Ver 21 How long has he been this way.

From a young age or since being born again. Old baggage – Pet devils!

Ver 22 The plan of the enemy

Many times tried to kill him in fire or water

The two things of God that He uses to bring purification. Here we have introduced the spirit of suicide. If the individual will not carry out suicide, then the demon will try and kill him. - We find this spirit coming forth with those who have a martyr or victim mentality. Most of which have not the truth seeing these can be self imposed.

Ver 23 If you can believe ??????

Jesus clearly states that faith must be involved in the process

We must believe Jesus is who He says He is and He will do what He says He will do. Scripture says that when Jesus come back to the earth will He find faith. Luke 18:8

Jesus was not a victim.

Ver 24 Help my unbelief (The fathers heart cry over his child)

Ver 25 Jesus rebuked the UNCLEAN spirit.

He called the spirit by name. Come out you deaf and dumb spirit, A shotgun prayer will not get the job done. Come out and enter him no more. (It is finished)

Ver 26 The spirit tore him and he fell as a dead man.

Are not we after salvation to be as dead men – alive only in and by Jesus Christ

Ver 27 Jesus lifted him up – Only Jesus can promote.

Ver 29 Prayer and fasting

1. Crying out to God and seeking Him.
2. Fasting – giving up that which will hinder or interfere with our freedom.

- A note from the original Greek manuscripts the fasting was not included.
- The failure of the disciples was a prayerless lifestyle. They could not pray it out because they had not prayed it out first.

Matt 15:30, 31

30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them [those that were] lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and **cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:** 31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and **they glorified the God** of Israel.