

**See, Hear... Understand**  
*Digging Deeper*

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**Mt 13:10-19**

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# What is the Context?

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- **Matthew 13:1-9** Parable of the sower/soils
- **Matthew 13:10-19** The question: why parables?
- **Matthew 13:20-23** Explanation of the parable, the **understanding** of the parable, the **meaning** of the soils

# Matthew 13:13-15

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- **13** This is why I speak to them in parables, because.... **seeing** they do not **see**, and **hearing** they do not **hear**, nor do they **understand**.
- **14** Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: “You will indeed **hear** but never **understand**, and you will indeed **see** but never **perceive**.”
- **15** For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and **hear** with their ears and **understand** with their heart and **turn**, and I would **heal** them.

# Turn — Be Healed

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## epistrephō

- Turn towards;
- To turn around;
- To bring back, convert

## iaomai

- To heal, cure
- To heal, spiritually, restore from a state of sin and condemnation

# Seeing

## *blepO*

verses 13x2, 14b, 15b, 16a, 17a 1x

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- To have the facility of sight
- To exercise sight, to see
- To look towards or at
- To face
- To take heed
- To cast a look onto see, behold
- To observe
- **To discern mentally, perceive**
- To guard against
- To be an object of sight, be visible

# Eyes... Closed

*ophthalmos ...kammyO*

verse 15a

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- To shut, close the eyes

# Hear

## *akouO*

verses 13x2, 14a, 15b, 16b, 17b  
13x, 18, 19, also 23

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- To hear, harken, listen to
- To heed, obey
- **To understand**
- To take in or admit to mental acceptance

# Barely Hear

*bareOs akouO*

verse 15a

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- Heavily
- With difficulty, dully, stupidly



# Understand (with their heart)

## *syniEmi*

verses 14a, 15c, 19a, also 23

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- To understand, comprehend thoroughly
- To perceive clearly
- To be well judging, sensible
- To be spiritually intelligent
- To be religiously wise
- Realize, understand

# Perceive, (longed) to See

## *horaO*

verses 14b, 15b “should see with their eyes”  
17b x2 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> “see”)

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- To **see**, behold, look
- To visit
- To **mark, observe**
- To be admitted to witness
- To be admitted into the more immediate presence of God [Mt 5:8; Heb 12:14]
- **To obtain true knowledge**
- To see a thing
- To appear, to reveal oneself
- To present one's self

Heart has grown Dull

*kardia pachunO*

verse 15a

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- To fatten, make gross
- To be rendered gross, dull,  
unfeeling

# Matthew 13:16-17

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- **16** But blessed are your eyes, for they **see**, and your ears, for they **hear**.
- **17** For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to **see** what you **see**, and did not **see** it, and to **hear** what you **hear**, and did not **hear** it.

*HoraO*



# Search for Understanding!

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- What did the disciples **do** to change their **hearing** to **understanding**?
  - They realized they did not get it the first time
  - They asked questions
  - They stuck around for the explanation!
  - They realized to see & hear is not enough—we must seek to **understand**!

What must **we** do to  

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gain understanding?

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# Dig Deeper!

- **Ask questions:**

- What is the **context** (verses before, verses after, where else does the Bible cover the topic or event)?
- Who was the **author**? Who was the **audience** (person, church, area)?

(after Christ's resurrection/ Pentacost)?

- What **type of book** (Law, poetry, history, prophesy, letter)? What was the **culture** at the time it was written?
- What do I need to **Obey**? What **principles** do I need to understand?
- What **changes** do I need to make to grow as a Christian: today, this week, this year?
- **Revisit the verse!** Don't be satisfied by hearing a verse read or a quick reading of a PowerPoint slide. **Take notes** to study on other days besides Sunday!
- Read it in **another translation**. **Paraphrase** the passage in your own words.
- **Memorize** the verse (or **put it on a card**)—to defend against the fiery arrows of Satan!
- **Apply** the concepts! Put it into practice!