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A Lesson from Mark 7.

In the Gospel of Mark, chapter seven, we are told that people brought unto Christ a man who was deaf and dumb, and that He took the poor man apart by Himself, touched his tongue and ears, and by His mighty "Ephphatha," i. e., "Be opened!" He healed him from his dire distress. The Savior did this for the benefit of the afflicted man as well as for the promulgation of His glory.

Thereby the Savior illustrates the healing of the spiritual disease to which men are subject on account of sin. All men are spiritually deaf and dumb, for they are all sinners. They are in the spiritual possession of the devil, who makes them deaf against the Gospel of salvation and binds their tongue so they cannot speak the praises of God. And this affliction is worse by far than mere bodily deafness. They cannot hear and understand the glorious truths of God's dispensations of power and grace, and have no words to utter the praise of His holy name.

But there is healing for these spiritual deaf-mutes, Jesus being the Healer. Man himself is powerless to deliver himself out of the devil's power and to restore his lost hearing and speech. Jesus, the mighty Helper, must heal all spiritual deaf-mutes if they are to be healed. He must open their ears to hear the Gospel and loosen their tongue to speak the praise of their Creator and Savior. He takes them aside from

the multitude. He singles them out and shoots the arrows of His Law into their heart and arouses their conscience. Pronouncing His "Ephphatha," preaching His Gospel to the sinner, the sinner yields; his ears are opened, and his tongue is loosed. "The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." It is the Gospel which opens the heart of sinners to receive salvation. Has your heart thus been opened, even though, perhaps, you are physically deaf? And then, too, are you bringing unto Jesus such as are spiritually deaf?

Before the Setting of the Sun.

Between John, the renowned Bishop of Constantinople, called the Almoner, and Nicetas, a nobleman, some bitter words had passed one day, and they had parted in anger. John had been wronged. Still, as the day was drawing to its close, he remembered the words of the apostle: "Be ye angry and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath," Eph. 4, 26. He sent a friend to Nicetas with the message, "My lord, the sun is going down." Nicetas understood, hastened to him, and they reconciled themselves, cheerfully, before the sun set.

How many there are by whom the sun's daily warning is unheeded!

Her Only Comfort.

In a rear tenement of lower New York lay a dying woman, whose husband, brutal through drink, would not allow even hospital care. Under the bed snarled the hungry dogs. The place was noisy and foul and dark, but the city missionary kept at his post.

"I'll go soon," said the poor sufferer. "There

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is nothing more you can do—only stay—tell me the words again.”

So over and over, until death had sealed her ears and closed her lips, the dying woman tried to repeat with the missionary her Savior’s sweet invitation: “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

The Great Treasure.

“A great treasure I have laid up for you, my dear children, a very great treasure.” Thus spoke a poor Christian mother many, many years ago, as she lay dying. “Seek it, dear children, in the Bible; there you will surely find it.”

The little orphans were cheered and delighted at the thought of a treasure, for they were very poor. So they searched for the hidden treasure, and found in that Holy Book something which was far better than silver, and better than gold.

One of these children, Bartholomew Ziegenbalg, was not satisfied to be the happy possessor of the “pearl of great price” for himself, he longed to proclaim the blessed tidings to the world. Faithfully he studied, and, eventually, was appointed teacher in the university at Halle. In the year 1705 the King of Denmark sent him to India as the first missionary to bear the good news of salvation to that pagan land.

The Wrong Way of Giving.

A colored man was telling of his way of giving to the Lord. “Yes, sir,” said he, “I gibs de truck off o’ one acre ebbery year to de Lawd.”

“Which acre is it?” the friend asked.

“Well, dat is a different question. Truf is, de acres change most ebbery season.”

“How’s that?”

“Why, in wet seasons I gibs de Lawd de low land, and in dry season I gibs Him de top acre ob de whole plantation.”

“In that case the Lord’s acre is the worst in the whole farm, for in wet seasons it would be quite flooded, and in dry times parched.”

“Jes’ so. You don’t allow I’se goin’ to rob my family ob de best acre I’se got, did ye?”

Is not this too much the fashion of our offerings to the Lord—shreds of time, bits of talent, dribblets of money, fringes of things? It is not our poorest, but our best, that we should give to the Lord.—Selected.

That’s Enough.

Little Willie Stark was praying to God, as his mother taught him to, for help in his need. Being asked how he thought God could attend to him while he had everybody else in the world to care for, he replied, “I don’t know anything about that; all I know is He says He will, and that’s enough for me.”

Excellent Advice.

A young man just starting upon his work in the ministry was one day talking to an aged minister in London who had spent a lifetime in the service. The young man said:

“You have had a great deal of experience; you know many things that I ought to learn. Can’t you give me some advice to carry with me in my new duties?”

“Yes, I can,” was the response. “I will give you a piece of advice. You know that in every town in England, no matter how small, in every village or hamlet, though it be hidden in the folds of the mountains or wrapped around by the far-off sea, in every clump of farmhouse, you can find a road which, if you follow it, will take you to London. Just so every text which you shall choose to preach from in the Bible will have a road which leads to Jesus. Be sure you find that road and follow it; be careful not to miss it once. This is my advice to you.”

Faith.

Luther says: "Faith is not man's opinion and dream, but it is a divine work in us that changes and begets us anew of God. It mortifies the old Adam, transforms us into entirely different men in heart, mind, will, sense, and powers, and brings with it the Holy Ghost. Oh, this faith is a living, busy, active, efficacious thing, so that it is impossible for it not incessantly to do good works. Neither does it ask whether good works are to be done; but before the question has been asked, it has already done them, and is always doing them. But he who does not do these works is a faithless man, who is always groping and looking for faith and good works, and nevertheless knows neither what faith nor good works are, though he prate in many words concerning faith and good works."

Punished Together.

A missionary in India, after one day speaking to a crowd of natives on the banks of the river Ganges, was addressed by a Brahmin as follows:

"Sir, don't you say that the devil tempts men to sin?"

"Indeed," answered the missionary.

"Then," said the Brahmin, "certainly the fault is the devil's; the devil, therefore, and not man, ought to suffer the punishment."

While the faces of many of the natives showed that they agreed with the Brahmin, the missionary, observing a boat with several persons on board coming down the river, replied, "Brahmin, do you see yonder boat?"

"Yes."

"Suppose I were to send some of my friends to destroy every person on board, and bring me all that is valuable in the boat; who ought to suffer the punishment—I, for instructing them, or they, for doing this wicked act?"

"Why," answered the Brahmin, with alacrity, "you ought all to be put to death together."

"Just so," replied the missionary, "and if you and the devil sin together, the devil and you will be punished together."

AMONG OUR DEAF.

Minneapolis, Minn.—On the 23rd day of July Pastor Salvner went to Gaylord, Minn., to preach in the interest of our deaf mission. In his sermon on Mark 7, 31-38 he set forth why a mission among the deaf is very necessary. Thereupon the signs which are used in the Creed were explained to our hearing friends. Six deaf from Gaylord and vicinity had also come and therefore the pastor preached also to them on salvation by grace without the deeds of the law. Three of these deaf have attended our school at North Detroit and were confirmed there. This service certainly filled our hearing christians with love and zeal for Christ's work among the deaf. In this service a collection of \$22.42 was lifted. We also secured twelve subscribers for our paper and the following contributions were received for our church fund: Messrs. H. Warnke, John Mueller, Wm. Sylvester, Alb. Maass, Henry Abraham, Dietr. Freimuth, Karl Sylvester, Wm. Fenske, Jr., Henry Sylvester, Fred Rose each \$1.00; Messrs. Wm. Friedrich, Otto Tietz, Henry Hahn, John Guetschoff each 50c.; Mr. Otto Krueger 25c. (Total \$12.25.) May God reward these friends of our mission!

On the 19th of July the parents of Mrs. J. Salvner celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. On that occasion our mission in the Northwest was not forgotten for a collection which amounted to \$5.00 was taken up for our church fund. A hearty thanks to all givers! Our church fund now amounts to \$31.10. Our hearing friends are certainly very willing to support us in this undertaking, which ought to encourage all members of Grace Congregation and make them all the more willing to contribute towards this fund.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Mr. Emil Gauger of Mariabel, Wis., and Miss Nona Maahs of this city were publicly married in the chapel on August 16th. They will make their home in Hartford, Wis. Also Mr. Frank Harter and Miss Lizzie Huhn of Racine were joined in marriage on Sept. 2nd, at the home of the bride.

Wausau, Wis.—We again had the pleasure of preaching to the Wausau deaf at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Falk on August 22nd. Those present were: Miss May Gagne, Mrs. Englert

and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Falk. Mr. Jul. Goetsch, who had been out of the city at the time, intends to move to Milwaukee in order to get the benefit of catechetical instructions preparatory to confirmation.

Wichita, Kans.—A Sunday service with the deaf of this city was held on Aug. 6th. The service was well attended, and in spite of the warm weather several of our hearers drove 15 miles to be present at this service. Pastor Jensen was requested to come again next month which he promised to do. On the previous evening Rev. Jensen conducted services with the small but faithful flock at Topeka, Kans. Here also he was asked to come again which he will gladly do since it is a pleasure to go where you are really wanted.

Kansas City, Mo.—We hope that the resolution of the St. Louis convention (May, 1911) regarding our mission, calling on all congregations of synod to take up a collection for our mission on the XII Sunday after Trinity will be universally observed. May all friends and well-wishers of our mission assist us in making this Sunday a day of offering for our mission among the deaf.

St. Louis, Mo.—Services for the deaf here on July 30th were well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Pundmann of St. Charles, Mo., were present also. Holy Communion was celebrated with six deaf.

Louisville, Ky.—We were glad to meet our old friend Mr. C. Rice again in the service for the deaf here on June 23d. Mr. Rice is now staying with his daughter, Mrs. E. Frank, 837 E. Market St.

Toledo, O.—For the support of our mission among the deaf the Congregation of Our Savior contributed \$15.00 and the Toledo congregation \$16.00. A fund of \$44.00, collected on various occasions, was also added to the mission fund.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Congregation of Our Savior, Crystal St., near North Hoyne Ave., Northwest Side. Services every Sunday, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. Arth. Reinke, 2127 Crystal St., Chicago, Ill.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Lutheran Zions School, 20th and Benton Sts. Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month, by the Rev. C. Schubkegel, 2936a Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

ST. CHARLES, MO.

Services by special appointment by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Services every first Sunday of the month, at 7:30 p. m., in the church, corner Ohio and North East Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Service every third Sunday of the month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Lutheran School, on E. Illinois St., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Congregation of Our Savior for the Deaf. Services every first Sunday of the month, at 10:30 a. m., in the church, E. Broadway and Underhill Sts., by Rev. C. Schubkegel.

TOLEDO, O.

Trinity Lutheran Mission for the Deaf. Services in church, corner Vance and Ewing Sts., the first Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

FINDLAY, O.

Services in the homes of the deaf by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

LIMA, O.

Services the second Sunday of the month in the church, corner Kibby and Jackson Sts., at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

CLEVELAND, O.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

FORT WAYNE, IND.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation for the Deaf. Services the second Sunday of the month in St. Paul's Chapel, corner Barr and Madison Sts., at 7 p. m., by Rev. O. Schroeder.

PERU, IND.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. O. Schroeder.

DETROIT, MICH.

Services for the deaf the third Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., in the church, corner Gratiot and Rivard Sts., by Rev. O. Schroeder, 671 Agnes Ave.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Y. M. C. A. Building. Services every Sunday, at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Salvner, 2115 9th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

St. John's Lutheran Church, corner Hope and Margaret Sts. Services every Sunday, excepting the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

STILLWATER, MINN.

Salem Lutheran Church, corner 4th and Oak Sts. Services the last Sunday of the month, at 3:30 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

WINONA, MINN.

Services on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of every month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8:15 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

LA CROSSE, WIS.

Services every third Wednesday of the month in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8 p. m., by Rev. J. Salvner.

ELKHART, IND.

Trinity Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus, 119 Clinton St., Hammond, Ind.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

St. Paul's Congregation's Schoolhouse. Services by special appointment, by Rev. Th. Claus.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Services at Lutheran Church, 16th and Cherry Sts., every Sunday except last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen, 1400 Tracy Ave.

OMAHA, NEBR.

Services at Lutheran Church, corner 28th and Parker Sts., every last Sunday of the month, at 3 p. m., by Rev. N. F. Jensen.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Emmanuel Chapel for the Deaf, 1711 Meinecke Ave. Divine services every Sunday, at 10 a. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin, 1711 Meinecke Ave.

RACINE, WIS.

Services every last Sunday of the month, at 2:30 p. m., corner Kewaunee and North Erie Sts., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

SHEBOYGAN, WIS.

Services every four weeks at the homes of the deaf, at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

OSHKOSH, WIS.

Services every four weeks, 226 Brown St., at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. T. Wangerin.

WAUSAU and MERRILL, WIS.

Services by special appointment, by Rev. T. Wangerin.

LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, NORTH DETROIT, MICH.

The object of this school is to give its pupils a thorough Christian and common education. The regular course of instruction occupies from 7 to 8 years. Children are admitted from the age of 8 years on. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from, Rev. Wm. Gielow, Supt., North Detroit, Mich.