

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7:24-37

EXTRA READING: APOSTLE'S CREED AND CANONS V, 6 & REJ, 3 -4

SINGING: 261:1-3 – 317:1-4 – 111:1-4 – 290:1-5

HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS IN JESUS CHRIST

1) OUR CASE PICTURED 2) OUR HOPE ILLUSTRATED

I. OUR CASE PICTURED IN THE DEAF AND BADLY SPEAKING MAN

A. This man pictures our *spiritual condition*

1. We were created with perfection in our spiritual condition

2. As result of the fall all mankind is *deaf and with impeded speech*
 - a. deaf to God's voice in the Law

 - b. deaf to God's voice in the Gospel

 - c. deaf to God's voice in Providence

 - d. deaf to the language of the redeemed

 - e. as result, unable to speak ably about the spiritual matters

B. What are we to do with this spiritual condition in ourselves and others?

1. we must bring them to Jesus' feet (vs. 32)

2. we must bring our own condition to Him also for salvation

3. we must wait on Him in faith (Ps. 27:14)

II. OUR HOPE ILLUSTRATED IN JESUS' RESPONSE AND ACTIONS

A. Jesus' first responses are the revelations of the Father's heart (John 1:14; 17:6)

1. What was the 'reason' of His remarkable actions in vs. 33?
 - a. taking him aside

 - b. fingers in ears – spit/touch tongue – looking up

- B. Jesus' sigh reveals more of Father's heart than words can ever say
1. Reveals His deep emotion as He sees this man's misery as result of our Fall
 2. Reveals that God isn't unfeeling about seeing the results of sin
 3. Reveals His willingness to enter into the misery of sinners as Substitute
- C. Jesus' command reveals the necessity of His Word in salvation (vs. 34b)
1. To be born again is "not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (1 Peter 2:23)

CLOSING THOUGHTS

A. How worthy is Christ's of our praises! (vs. 37)

1. The deed of healing this man was special

2. The manner of healing was special

3. The fruit of healing was special

B. How would I know that Christ acted in my life like this man?