LET'S SAY NOW (HEARING)

Words of Wisdom

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Isaiah 43:19

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

Greetings in the name of our lord Jesus Christ. In romans 10:17 paul says that faith comes by hearing the word of god. Today let's see what did Jesus say about hearing. Read mark 4:24.

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"And he said unto them, take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given."

Mark 4 is a chapter of Jesus teachings about faith and the kingdom of god. It's a really great teaching on faith. In verse 24, he teaches about the power of hearing. The word "heed" means "pay attention to". So, Jesus said that be alert and listen carefully in whatever you hear. In fact, Jesus clearly meant to say that be careful in hearing the word of god. Hope that makes lot of sense to you. And he did answers for the question why with the word "measure". The verb form of the word "measure" means to "assess the importance" and the noun form of it means "a course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose". In simple it means that the more you hear, listen, mediate the word of god, the more will be your faith and Jesus goes on to say that the more you hear the more you will be blessed.

How does this all happen? Well, your own salvation is an example of that. Someone told you about Jesus and you heard that and the hearing made you to accept him as your saviour. No one compelled you but you yourself volunteered to follow Christ and to be baptised. That is what the measure means. Can you see the course of action taken to become a Christian by faith? Now let's see from the scripture.

Mark chapter 5:24 to 28, talks about the healing of a woman with the issue of blood. Verse 27 says that she "heard" about Jesus and verse 28 says that she thought or believed that if she touches his garment she will be totally healed. She was miserable but she didn't bother about her condition and nor about the thronging crowd but she acted upon her faith. And she was indeed healed according to her faith.

The second example is about the Rabab the harlot. She appears in Joshua chapter2. She helps the Israelites men who came to spy the land. Why did she betray her own land? She answers

for that in Joshua 2:10,11. She says that she and her people have “heard” about the god of Israel and about what had happened to the kings of Egypt, Amorites, Sihon and Og. The word “heard” appears in both the verses. The hearing brought not only to fear the god of Israel but also the faith in the lord of Israel. By hearing she confesses the faith saying, “for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath” (Joshua 2:11). She glorifies the lord of Israel by faith and acted upon her faith. And through her faith the whole family got saved. Though she was a harlot, her name is written in the holy book and her name appears in the genealogy of our lord Jesus Christ (Mathew 1:5). Isn’t that incredible?

In the above two examples do you see the course of action taken due to hearing and the kind of blessings these women received. So what do you hear. Do you hear what people say about you or what the circumstances say about you or instead do you hear the gossips of others. If not any of these, then do you hear the word of god? The former brings confusion, fear and unbelief but the latter brings faith and all the goodness and characters of Jesus in you.

So, from “now” on be careful in your hearing and ask Jesus to give you “new” spiritual ears to give heed to his words. And he will certainly do new things according to Isaiah 43:19. Just remain in your faith.

God bless you all. Amen.