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PSALM 19:7-11

Open My Ears

Isaiah 50:4-5

A. What are God's three morning promises when we "open our ears" to Him? [50:4b-5]

1. Opportunity - Beneficial Words [4a]
John 3:17, Isaiah 40:1, Matthew 11:28-29
2. Focus - Stabilization [4b]
Psalm 40:6-8, Isaiah 6:8
3. Guidance - Direction [5]
Psalm 85:8

B. What does Jesus mean when he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." in Matthew 11:15; Mark 4:9, 23?

When he uses this phrase Jesus refers to all who have been given His words—no matter their age, ethnicity, language, or status . . . and tells them to listen up! [Got Questions]

1. Rock - Foundation [Strength in Application]
Matthew 7:24-27
2. Soil - Germination [Growth]
Mark 4:13-20

Study Questions/Prayer

- [1] Read Isaiah 50:4-5? Do you engage God's promises for you in the morning as you read His word?
- [2] Read Matthew 7:24-27. What does this parable teach us about the path to stability in our lives?
- [3] Read Mark 4:13-20. Pray for the people in your life on the path, rocky ground, or among the thorns, that they may hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit.

Isaiah 50:4-5 The Lord God [H: Jehovah Adonai] [Covenant God / Lord of Lords = Sovereign Lord] has given me the tongue of those who are taught, [reveals his word to his disciples] that I may know how to sustain with a word [beneficial words] him who is weary. [Isaiah 40:1, Matthew 11:28-29] Morning by morning [daily attentiveness to God's will] he awakens [H: yair - to be alert]; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. [reveals his word to me] ⁵ The Lord God [H: Adonai/Yahweh] has opened my ear, [Psalm 40:6] and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. [went to the cross] [Psalm 85:8]

Matthew 11:28-29 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls

Psalm 40:6-8 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. ⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Isaiah 6:8-9 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Psalm 85:8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.