

# The Deaf & Dumb Spirit

“When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and come out of him...” Mark 9:25, 26.

Manifestations of the dumb and deaf spirit:

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There is a stronghold called unbelief.

There is a spirit that operates with that stronghold whose goal and function is to make you spiritually and physically deaf and dumb so that you cannot hear the voice of God and receive revelation.

The way that this spirit accomplishes its work is by becoming a stronghold of the mind, better known as a mindset.

It will make a person dumb so that one cannot understand the truth of God’s word, or what the Spirit is saying.

This spirit is also connected to learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder (ADD), dyslexia, memory conditions, concentration, spiritual deafness.

Though you have ears to hear, you cannot hear.

Some people have a weight, a mental block, when they read the Bible and pray.

The heavens seem to be brass, and they cannot get a breakthrough or remember what they have read.

Or they cannot even focus to read the Bible.

There is a spiritual oppression connected to that. It is a deaf and dumb spirit.

The dumb spirit can affect the ability to understand revelation.

It makes a person spiritually dumb, so that one cannot understand the revelation of the spirit of wisdom and revelation.

It affects the ability to understand the Bible.

It is like a big parable to you.

It affects the ability to understand mysteries.

It affects the ability to understand, hear and receive spiritual revelation and truth.

When you are deaf and dumb in the spirit, you have nothing to say.

So there is a form of godliness, denying the power.

The kingdom of God in word only. Organized religion, denominationalism, and tradition and programs.

The Pharisees and Sadducees had that spirit. The Lord referred to it as a spirit that made them dull of hearing.

Ezekiel 12:2 “Son of man, you live in the midst of the rebellious house, who have eyes to see but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear”.

The Lord is not talking about the natural ear.

He is talking about the ear to hear the spirit of wisdom and revelation, the understanding that He wants us to have.

The Bible declares, let him who has an ear hear what the Spirit is saying. We hear the Spirit with our spiritual ears.

The devil does not want us to hear the voice of God.

It is a spirit that will war against the message and spirit of faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Whatever you ask for, praying and believing, you will receive it.

The devil does not want us to have faith; he knows the power of faith, and also knows the kingdom of God operates by the law and principal of faith.

We read in Romans 10:17: That faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

The devil wants to block the hearing so that we will read the word, but not hear.

No matter how many times you read, you will be a hearer only and not a doer.

You want to be a doer but you do not know why you can't.

You say you believe but do not know why you can't practice what you say.

You confess it, but you know you do not believe because nothing is happening.

What is the problem? Faith comes by hearing.

There is a spirit that makes you dull. Every time the message of the word of the kingdom comes, this spirit comes to rob you of those seeds of revelation, which can give you faith.

We must get the revelation out of our head and into our heart, but it is not easy when there is a spiritual assignment to the principality called the deaf and dumb spirit.

"The dumb devil affects your ability in the natural to understand, read, focus and concentrate.

It is one of the roots of learning disabilities."

We read in Hebrews 11:39, and all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised.

The whole of Hebrews 11 talk about faith.

By Biblical definition we understand these defining issues that qualify a meaning for faith that exceeds humanism and avoids mere subjective, philosophical ideas.

The concept of faith, according to God's Word, entails understanding that the entire creation, visible and invisible, is the result of a Creator's direct, intelligent action and not the product of blind chance.

Historic figures have encountered this Creator in personal ways, evidencing He is more than merely a force and that He is a personal God who relates to those who seek Him in providential and redemptive ways.

The same faith that enables some to escape trouble enables others to endure it.

Many have allowed their circumstance to wound their faith.

Perseverance means to never quit, and to refuse discouragement and disappointment and to believe God.

We need to base our whole life on the word of God, though there are so many circumstances we have and will walk through that seem to oppose and contradict the word of God.

His word is prosperous and successful and will not return to Him void. (Isaiah 55:11).

God is God. He is not a liar.

Faith and perseverance work together. Many died not yet receiving the promise. Some of us need to purpose in our heart if we are going to commit ourselves to the spirit of faith. God is a rewarded of those who diligently seek him. (Hebrews 11:6) Commit regardless of success or failure to be a "word man", whether we see God do what we think He's going to do or not, or what we believe He promised He was going to do.

We must choose to not going to be moved by what we feel or think.

But that we going to believe the Bible.

Regardless of how many people we have seen die of sickness, our successes or our failures; we are not going to let that be the basis of our theology.

We know that the devil don't want us to have faith but we see in 1 John 3:8 that the Son of God appeared for this purpose, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Acts 10:38 Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him.

The devil is the source of our pain, torment and anger. Let's let our disappointment, discouragement, and failure be fuelled to the fire to take it out on him. Not our God. Believe God, regardless of what you walk through. God is true.

There was a revival in a city in the gospels, called Capernaum. Capernaum was the international headquarters for the ministry of Jesus Christ, a hub for signs and wonders. If you read what God did in the gospels in Capernaum, you will find more miracles, healings, signs and wonders than just about anywhere else. In fact, great multitudes came to hear the word and be healed. He cast out devils with the word and healed all who were sick. He raised Jairus' dead daughter, healed woman with the issue of the blood, and healed the paralytic in Mark 2. Matthew 8:16. All these miracles took place in Capernaum. Immediately we are taken from this city of revival to Nazareth, and the Bible declares "and He could do no mighty miracles because of their unbelief." Matthew 13:58.

What happened in the city? It did not have anything to do with Jesus or His anointing. It had nothing to do with the will of God or the faith of Jesus. Nothing changed concerning Jesus. He wanted to do in Nazareth what He did in Capernaum. He wanted to heal all the sick. His message, Will, Power and Anointing never changed. There was an open heaven in Capernaum, and in Nazareth it says "He could do no..." It was not that He did not want to, but He could do no mighty miracles. Something was limiting the manifestation of the power of God, and it was corporate unbelief. The corporate unbelief in the hearts of leaders and those who were in the city hindered habitation. He came in and laid His hands on a few sick and healed them. There were more people who wanted to be healed. Maybe not everyone was in unbelief. But, because there was so much unbelief in a city, He could do no mighty miracles.

Lack of faith and unbelief hinder God's manifestation of miracle healing power.

We need the change of a spiritual climate. It was not more faith, fasting, power, better preaching, praying for the sick longer, more healing teams, or extended meetings that God wanted to do in Nazareth.

The key was overcoming the stronghold that ruled over a city.

It can rule over a life, a church, a city, a region, and a nation.

You can get to one place and there will be open miracles, signs and wonders, and at another place will it feel that the heavens are closed there.

No one would get healed except maybe one or two people.

The heavens can be opened or closed according to corporate faith or unbelief.

Ultimately, we want to see an open heaven over every person, area, city, place and nations.

The only way we are going to see it happen is by combating and warring against the stronghold that is ruling in the air over a city or nation.

God want us to be open so that He can work in and threw us.

That we will hear His voice and understand what He wants for us in time, on time.

We need to overcome the stronghold of unbelief, which works with a deaf and dumb spirit.

Mark 9:25: And when Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again."

Jesus calls the demon a deaf and dumb spirit.

After unbelief is revealed, He reveals that the power of the spirit of unbelief is broken because unbelief is repented of and faith is revealed. The spirit of unbelief is what gives strength to a spirit that makes men deaf, dumb and mute. After the unbelief is dealt with, Jesus is able to

get to the root; the deaf and dumb spirit. We need not only repent of personal unbelief but also like Daniel, confess the sins of a nation (generational unbelief) and walk in the contrary, the spirit of Faith.

One key to overcoming the spirit of unbelief is fasting.

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast him out?" So, He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Mark 9:28-29.

There is something that begins to happen when we fast and pray and choose to say I will not digest anything except the truth of what the Bible says about healing. He sent His Word and delivered them from destruction. That means healing is in the Word. When you fast and pray and digest the Word, it gives you faith and power and you overcome personal unbelief and doubt. Fast for an extended time and study nothing but what the Bible says about healing, and you will see the results. Do not read anything else but what the Bible says about healing.

That is level one.

The second key to overcoming this spirit of unbelief in your life is understanding the difference between the gifts of healing and miracles. Understanding what it means to war and contend for the miraculous by understanding the difference between the gifts of healing and of miracles. It is okay not to be instantly healed.

For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles... 1 Cor. 12:8-10

The Bible makes a distinction between the gifts of healing and the gifts of miracles. The definition of miracle is "the instantaneous operation of God's power". When you look at the word in the Bible for healing, many times it is translated to "therapy" in the Greek. Therapy is the gradual cure, the remedy, the process, and the gradual recovery.

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." Mark 16:17-18.

The word for recover suggests a recovery by remedy, therapy, gradually, by a process, and in amount of time. Even in the ministry of Jesus, many times the word for healing in the Greek is "therapy". But because we have not understood the differences between the gifts of healings and miracles, we have left church many times thinking we did not have enough faith to be healed because others were instantly healed and we were not. When in reality we may be having a healing rather than a miracle. We think we did not have as much faith as they did, and if we had more faith then what happened to them would have happened to us. We leave the service with rejection; feeling like God does not love us as much as He loves them. In truth, if we understood the difference between a healing and miracle, we would hold on to the seed of our healing. Where do we see the seed of healing?

Prov. 4:20-22: My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

This suggests a seed. Something happens as you meditate day and night. Remind yourself of the promise of what the Bible says about healing. Keep that word in the midst of your heart and over time it will begin to be strength in your body. It will begin to be life, health and strength in your bones. "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow and it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it." Mark 4:3-4.

The devil comes to take away the seed of truth. When you do not understand the difference between the gifts of healing and miracles, and realize that it is ok not to be instantly healed, you do not see that you can hold on to your seed and be healed tomorrow, the next three

days, the next ten days or a month. Do not dig up the seed every day to see how it is doing. Be convinced that though you do not have the immediate and full harvest of a miracle, there is a process that gives you the responsibility to water the seed by remaining in (Prov. 4:20) and keeping the word in the midst of your heart.

Mark 16:18 does not say that you will see them all instantly recover. When it is an instant healing, it is not actually a healing. It is a miracle. When it takes place over an amount of time, it is a healing. That is why the Bible distinguishes between gifts of healing and gifts of miracles. Did you know there are also other levels of healing?

Mark 16:18 is not the anointing or gift we see in 1 Cor. 12. The anointing in 1 Cor. 12 is the gift of healing and the gift of miracles, which come through the Holy Spirit. The gifts are different from the general commission of healing in Mark 16:17. The gift in 1 Cor. 12, the Holy Spirit distributes individually, as He wills. It is not a general commission. However, you can have the gift, and I can have the gift. How can we get it? Earnestly desire it. Earnestly hunger for the healing anointing.

Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. 1 Cor. 14:1.

You cannot overcome the spirit of unbelief until you understand how the devil operates to bring you to the place where you do not believe God. He does that because we are ignorant of how miracles operate and does not understand healings. We do not understand the operation of the anointing, the levels of the healing anointing or the difference between healings and miracles. We do not realize that it is ok not to be instantly healed.

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So, when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. Luke 17:12-14.

They were not immediately healed. They were going to Jerusalem, and from where they were it was a three day journey. They went 3 days. As they went, they were healed. They were not instantly healed because had they been, all ten would have come back to praise the Lord. Only 2 came back because as they went they were healed. Naaman the leper dipped himself in the pool seven times. There was a process. And the word "recovery" in Mark 16:18, the Greek word for healing at times, even when you see it in the ministry of Jesus is "therapy", and suggests at times the "remedy" or the "cure" or the "process" of healing.

How do we know that when the Bible says "and He healed them" that the actual healing did not manifest until two days later? The writer could have used that sort of language because he found out after the healing took place. We can never be sure. It looks like every time in the Bible there is a miracle it is instant, because we have an instant mindset. We are prayed for and we walk away with discouragement and disappointment. If the miracle is not instant but it may be a healing, then hold onto the seed. That is how the devil takes away the seed, which might have been a miracle in one week. The birds of the air have a door through disappointment and discouragement to rob your seed of healing. Understanding the difference between healing and miracles will help you overcome the spirit of unbelief in your own life.

Release you to war and contend for your healing until you have the full manifestation.

The third way to overcome the spirit of unbelief is to understand what real faith is.

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Hebrew 11:6

Faith is diligent. God is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Faith keeps on asking. Faith keeps on seeking. Faith keeps on knocking until the door is opened unto you. Faith is the persistent widow. That is what Jesus meant when He talked about the prayer of the persistent widow. It is the "keep on asking, keep on seeking, do not give up" prayer. I am going to persevere in what the Bible calls faith in Hebrews 11. Real faith is "many died not receiving the promise." We must purpose within our hearts to be persistent knowing that many died not

receiving their promise. (Hebrews 11:39)

It is ok to ask God for the same thing more than once. Some who have preached the “faith” message have taught that if you ask God for the same thing more than once, you are a wavering, doubting man and that you will not receive what you are asking for. So, then you ask God once very specifically for what you want, believe God, and wait for Him to do it. That has worked and it can still work. But we need to understand that it is ok to ask God for the same thing more than once.

Real faith is to keep on asking, keep on seeking, and keep on knocking. There is a place where you can stand on the Word and believe God after asking once if you want to. But you do not need to be under condemnation if you talk to God about the same thing more than once. Even if we come to God with the same promise every day and tell Him that we are still waiting. He is not going to say, “Well, if you would have believed the first time, you would have had it. But, because you are in unbelief because you are asking Me for the same thing more than once, you have cancelled your prayer the first time and you are not standing. You are not a faith man!” That is what men have said faith is. God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

The interesting thing about the passage of scripture in Mark 11:24 are that it says “whatever things you ask for, believe when you pray.... It does not say whatever you ask for praying once. It could be whatever you ask for praying and keeping on praying, God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Whatever you ask for, keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking, and have persistency like the widow, believing you shall receive it. And pray until something happens according to what God has said.

James 5:15: And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Elijah is the perfect example of the prayer of faith. This is the way that we must pray war and contend for people to get healed. It could be a spirit attached as a hindrance. There may be corporate unbelief in a city or region. There are all kinds of reasons why you may not be having an immediate miracle. It may be a healing, and not a miracle. We need to understand that the prayer of faith is not “I believe God, you believe God. I prayed, therefore it is done.” The prayer of faith is the prayer that keeps on praying until the job is done and the answer is there.

Lets look at the example of the way Elijah prays;

1 Kings 18:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.” 1 Kings 17:1: There would be no rain on the earth except at the word of Elijah. He said, “Except at my word, Ahab, there is going to be no dew or rain.” But yet, that was the word of the Lord. And it came to pass after many days that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, “Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth.” 1 Kings 18:1

Elijah did not say, “Hallelujah, I believe what God said. I am going to believe what He said whether I see a cloud or rain in the sky or not. I am going to stand on the promise and it is going to come to pass. Let’s just sit down and wait for God to do what He said He was going to do. Let’s just wait for God.” No. Elijah said there is a place that God will not do what He said He was going to do except at my word. That means my word, and what I do or do not do with what the Lord says, makes or breaks what the Lord wants to do. I am a part of bringing this thing out of the heavens into the earth. I get my authority from the Word of the Lord that came unto me, but now I speak what God has spoken to me and that is what brings it to pass. As it is loosed in heaven, I loose it on earth.

In this scripture (1 Kings 17:1) it says there will be no dew or rain on the earth except by my word...but it really was not his word. Because now in 1 Kings 18:1 the word of the Lord comes

unto him. He could have stood and believed and just prayed once according to what God said. But he saw that there was a place where he was involved in this promise coming to pass. Here is another perfect example of the prayer of faith.

So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again." 1 Kings 18:42-43.

There was a sound in Elijah's spirit. That sound was the abundance of rain. He heard it in his spirit. He could not hear or see it in the natural, but in his spirit he carried the sound of rain, which represents the promise of God in the bible. Some of you have already got the sound in your spirit of healing. You have had the promise of the word of God; a prophetic word, a revelation of the promise of the Bible. You know that God is going to touch and heal your body. But you cannot see it yet. That is what happened on Mount Carmel in 1 Kings 18:42-43. Elijah puts his face to the ground, gets into a birthing position. He begins to call for that rain. He begins to call forth those things that are not, as though they were. It is not that they were not. He began to call forth those things that were not in the natural world, that already were in the eternal purpose of God. He called the things that he knew were supposed to be in the earth. He had the promise and the word. He said I do not see it in the natural, so now is the place where I birth that word. How do you birth the word? What is the prayer of faith? "God do what you said you were going to do according to every promise that you said you were going to give me in the Bible concerning healing. I have the word of the Lord. I do not see or feel it. I am going to believe God, but there is something that I must do." Like Elijah, who got face down to the ground, and began to birth he prayed one time. He told his servant to run to the edge of the cliff and see if he saw anything. The servant said, "I do not see anything." Elijah did not stand up and say "Well, we prayed about it once. We do not want to pray about it more than once because we either believe God or we do not. If we pray about it more than once then God is not going to be able to do what He said He was going to do. So, let's just stop and stand back and wait for God to do what He said He was going to do." No. He put his face to the ground again. It is ok to keep on asking, seeking and knocking. I have the word from heaven. I carry a sound in my spirit. I have got to get this thing into the earth! And he prayed again...nothing. Prayed again...nothing. Prayed again...nothing. Prayed again...nothing. Prayed again...nothing. And on the seventh time it was a cloud the size of a man's hand. A partial healing; it was not even complete. Seven times. That is the example of the prayer of faith.

Purpose within your heart that real faith is warring and contending and asking, seeking and knocking. Searching, fasting, praying persevering and asking. Lay hands on me a thousand or five thousand times, until... Many died not yet receiving the promise. (Hebrews 11:39) Unbelief will have no room in your life when you look at faith this way. You will know to press in until you get your healing.

The fourth way to overcome the spirit of unbelief is identification and repentance. If Daniel could stand in the gap on behalf of the sins of a nation and confess their corporate sin, and ask God for mercy. We can ask God for mercy over our region and our nation. We can open the windows of heaven a little more. We can establish something in the spiritual realms. We can fulfil Ephesians 3:10.

Ephesians 3:10 ...to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places might be made known through the church then manifold wisdom of God.

We can repent of personal unbelief, church unbelief, and national unbelief. We need to identify the sin that has taken place in the hearts of so many in generations; area; city or nation. We have been like a Nazareth climate hindering God's power; God wants us to be like a Capernaum. God wants to move on whole cities or nations. We can war and contend and

renounce personal unbelief and doubt, and then begin to pray for our city etc. Ask for all of those who have not known the truth of God, in ignorance like the Pharisees and Sadducees, to have a revelation of the ministry of Jesus. In their ignorance they have cluttered the spiritual climate by bringing in all kinds of doctrines. Why does God not want to heal the sick? Why have miracles passed away two thousand years ago? Why is the thorn in the flesh from God? All of the traditions that are mere theologies or denominations, which have a form of godliness, deny the power thereof. If we can get rid of this in our own hearts, we can increase the level of miracles that will be done in our city or region. Then through corporate intercession and repentance of these sins, we can change the spiritual climate were ever we go.