

This morning/afternoon we’d like to see the book of Mark 7:14-37 under the title of “Within.”

Q1. In verse 23, “All these evil things come from within and defile a man.” what does this verse mean? (21, “out of the heart of men”)

Q2. In verse 27, “But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to the little dogs..” what does it mean?

Q3. In verses 32 & 33, “Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.³³ And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue,” what do we learn from Jesus’ healing methods?

(Background)

In the last time, Jesus was asked by the Pharisee and scribes, (5) ““Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?” Jesus answered with Isaiah 29:13, i.e., verses 6 & 7, “He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me.’⁷ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” Jesus emphasized a matter within or inside heart for the issue of defilement.

Verses 1-23 are about the defilement from within, 24-30 about a gentile’s faith, 31-37 about healed a deaf and mute patient.

¹⁴ When He had called all the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, “Hear Me, everyone, and understand:

¹⁵ There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. ¹⁶ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”

¹⁷ When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable. ¹⁸ So He said to them, “Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, *thus* purifying all foods?” ²⁰ And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications,

15; 18= nothing that enters a man from outside (food; ¹1 Cor 8:6) the things which come out of him (see verse 21); 18 whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him

21= within (i.e., “out of the heart of men)

¹ 1 Cor 8:6yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.

murders,²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.
²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

²⁴ From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden.

²⁵ For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.

²⁶ The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”

²⁸ And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.”

²⁹ Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.”

³⁰ And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

23=Q1 All these evil thoughts come from within, result in evil things (out of the heart of men -> evil thoughts -> evil things)

24= Tyre and Sidon (30 miles or 40 km from sea of Galilee, Phoenician cities – Gentiles or Greek); wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden (Jesus did ministries secretly but they were disclosed.)

25= fell at His feet (full submission to the Lord; a sign of worship)

26= Syro-Phoenician (a woman of Canaan ²*Mat 15:22*)

27=Q2 the children be filled first.. the little dogs (pet;puppy, not cursing word (e.g. wild, scavenger, or vicious dog; but a symbol of the Gentiles; priority of ministry, not of discrimination ³*Mat 10:5-8, Acts 1:8 vs Romans 10:12*)

28= even the little dogs ...eat from the children’s crumbs (admit, express need of His healing, expressing his faith in Jesus).

29= this saying (word alone, not seeing her daughter – authority over spiritual realm)

² *Matthew 15:22* And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”

³ *Mat 10:5-8* These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ⁶ But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give, *Acts 1:8* But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” *vs Romans 10:12* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

³¹ Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee.

³² Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.³³ And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue.³⁴ Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

³⁵ Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed *it*.³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

31= Decapolis (Greek 10 major cities; Jesus walked round away back to the sea of Galilee through Decapolis)

32= Q3 deaf and had an impediment in his speech (a deaf & mute patient); begged Him to put His hand on him (one method to heal); put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue (but different two methods; Jesus used many different methods⁴ *Mat 9:29; John 9:6-7* ; Jesus may use any way chosen by Him for His will⁵ *Heb 1:1; Mat 9:17* – Blessed are the flexible, they shall not be broken Have an open heart always for the Spirit of God to work and to move.⁶ *Rom 8:14*)

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⁴ *Mat 9:29* Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.”; *John 9:6-7* When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.⁷ And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

⁵ *Heb 1:1* God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets;; *Mat 9:17* Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.” (e.g., Wine= God’s Word; new wine= God’s Word in new generation (e.g. hippies, tapes, mp3, laptop, smart phone...); wineskins (formality))

⁶ *Rom 8:14* For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.