

For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? 1 Cor. 14:8



Chapel Clarion

Nokesville Gospel Chapel



Hearing and Faith

The Bible Treasury: Volume 18

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

This is God's order, not man's. The word "hearing" in this verse is not a verb but a substantive. If we read it as a verb, we lose much of the meaning. We speak of a man who has become deaf as one who has lost his "hearing."

First then "hearing [comes] by the word of God." That is to say, the word of God finds its way into the heart and gives "hearing," or, in other words, the ability to hear.

Then this "hearing" is the channel for the formation and growth of faith.

Of course this has nothing to do with natural hearing. It applies as much to the naturally deaf as to those whose natural hearing is perfect. It is spiritual hearing, and who can spiritually hear that has no spiritual life? The links of the chain in their order are: the word of God; hearing; faith.

First of all you have a dead soul. The word of God enters the heart and

imparts the spiritual hearing; and hearing the word gives rise to faith.

The thought must not be allowed that the word of God is at the first applied to a soul that can already hear; for as we have seen, "hearing comes by the word of God." His word is the living seed, which, entering into the heart, brings forth life in that which was before dead.

The recognition of the truth, as conveyed in the words at the head of our paper, enables the evangelist to go forth in simple dependence on God; fully confident, knowing that by the Spirit he handles the one and only means of giving life, namely, the word of God. And on the other hand he is nothing discouraged by outward appearances, knowing that all to whom he is sent are alike dead and devoid of hearing, and that the success of his ministry depends not on those whom he addresses, but on the word as applied by the Spirit. Like his Lord Whose life animates him, he speaks (if we may so say) as one that has authority and not as the scribes.

Pray

Those with ongoing physical/medical problems:

George & Deepa, Bob & Cathy, Jerry & Era,
Mr. Roy, Millie, Marie

Poole family – loss of family members

Bejoy and Sharmila – Bejoy surgery

Thomas family - Mrs. Mathai

Joe and family – traveling ministry

Van der Hoek family

Wisdom for those caring for elderly parents

Scott & Sophia, Natalie and Baby Abby

Alexander family

Young married couples

College students

Young adult fellowship

Young men's Sunday evening Bible Study

Rehab (Manor) ministry

Missionaries

Our families

Unsaved friends and loved ones

Our elders

Our nation and its leaders

Bible Quiz

Women of the Bible

1. Who had a servant girl who told him how he could be cured of leprosy?
2. Who urged her husband to curse God and die?
3. What shepherd girl became the much beloved wife of Jacob?
4. Whose Egyptian wife caused Joseph to be put in prison?
5. What Moabitess was an ancestor of Jesus?
6. Whose sister was shut out of the Israelite camp for seven days when she was stricken with leprosy?
7. What woman was spared when Joshua's men destroyed Jericho?
8. What woman was the downfall of Samson?
9. What woman was suspected of drunkenness as she prayed?
10. What was Moses' mother's name?

Answers: 1. 2 Kings 5:2; 2. Job 2:9; 3. Gen. 29:6; 4. Gen. 39:7-20; 5. Ruth 4:17;
6. Num. 12; 7. Joshua 6:17; 8. Judges 16:5; 9. 1 Sam. 1:13-14; 10. Exodus 6:20

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Latest News from Paul Howland - February 2nd, 2026

NEW ADDRESS : 203, rue Lafayette - 75010 Paris - FRANCE

Dear Partners in prayer for France,

Thank the Lord that He led me to Phoenix this cold month ! You might enjoy reading Acts 27:12

;-) Paris got snow, like most of the northern hemisphere. This has given me time to concentrate on two big projects in Arizona: the re-translation of Wm MacDonald's Believer's Bible Commentary AND



the re-construction of my 1932 Dodge for the next

Across America with Christ trip. I have very special memories of rebuilding the previous motor 10 years ago with Kevin at my sister's

house. They are both gone from this world. Thank you Mike for your help spotting me under the car getting a new motor

in and helping remove the 94 year old wood floor. We have good talks about the Lord as we work. Thank you Prentes

for restoring my seats. Most car

seats don't last almost 100 years

Meanwhile I ride the bus for groceries and have the joy of a

new mission field. Thank you to Open Door Fellowship for your

idea of "socks to the street" as now I carry pairs for street

people with cold feet. I can then talk about the warmth of Salvation. Let's pray that my new seats will be well worn out by people coming to the Lord. My uncle used the Dodge to bring a lot

of children to Sunday School. Discipleship continues for 15 people in French and 55 people in English via a daily Bible verse and a question. Several weekly meetings on internet and in person

keep me busy in Bible study and preparation. Please forgive me for not being able to keep up with all the emails I receive ! I read everyone and pray for you. Your prayer support is precious to me. I am praying for new workers for France as we

are all getting closer to Heaven. This week the meeting I attend in Scottsdale, AZ, put up a great sign about the gift from God to be a missionary. If you or

anyone you know are feeling the call, let me know so we can pray about it. I will be flying to Paris on March 18th to help a little

team of local French "missionaries" at the Gobelins assembly.



Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts sent to Christian Missions in Many Lands for the mission the Lord has called me to do.



in Christ, *Paul Howland*