*Monday, April 2, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Mark 4:3-6 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: (4) And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. (5) And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: (6) But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. (KJV)

That word hearken refers to being able to perceive, understand, as well as comprehend what our Lord is speaking to His church. As you see, many hear with their carnal ears but do not understand with their Spiritual ones. In fact you see the word hear when describing hearken, which does go beyond just hearing.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: (2) And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. (KJV)

The word hearken also means to obey or be obedient to. Many people hear the Word being preached in many places; however, few are willing to step out and walk in what they are hearing because sometimes they don’t always like what they hear. So it’s great to share the Word and to talk of all the wonderful blessings that we have been blessed with, it’s the walking past the talking part that separates the mature adult Christian from all the carnal baby ones.

Deuteronomy 28:13-15 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: (14) And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. (15) But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: (KJV)

Heads we win, tails we end up losers again; this is not what our Lord intended for His people. In fact, you as a parent were willing to support your own children and provide them the best; however, that was based on them being obedient also. So if you don’t like what is coming your way you may need to ask yourself honestly how much attention you are giving our Lord’s way, and not just talk but the walk part also.

Jeremiah 11:9-11 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (10) They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. (11) Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. (KJV)

So much worldliness has crept back into the so called church, and people who profess to be blessed are in reality messed. So what are you hearkening unto today, and is it really coming from above?