

**Devotional Thoughts :: How Not to Hear God's Word of Truth - Matthew Henry****How Not to Hear God's Word of Truth - Matthew Henry - posted by Oracio (), on: 2014/11/18 11:07**

"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside."-Matthew 13:19

"Observe First, What kind of hearers are compared to the highway ground; such as hear the word and understand it not; and it is their own fault that they do not. They take no heed to it, take no hold of it; they do not come with any design to get good, as the highway was never intended to be sown. They come before God as his people come, and sit before him as his people sit; but it is merely for fashion-sake, to see and be seen; they mind not what is said, it comes in at one ear and goes out at the other, and makes no impression...Secondly, How they come to be unprofitable hearers. The wicked one, that is, the devil, cometh and catcheth away that which was sown.â€Such mindless, careless, trifling hearers are an easy prey to Satan; who, as he is the great murderer of souls, so he is the great thief of sermons, and will be sure to rob us of the word, if we take not care to keep it: as the birds pick up the seed that falls on the ground that is neither ploughed before nor harrowed after. If we break not up the fallow ground, by preparing our hearts for the word, and humbling them to it, and engaging our own attention; and if we cover not the seed afterwards, by meditation and prayer; if we give not a more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, we are as the highway ground. Note, The devil is a sworn enemy to our profiting by the word of God; and none do more befriended his design than heedless hearers, who are thinking of something else, when they should be thinking of the things that belong to their peace."

Re: How Not to Hear God's Word of Truth - Matthew Henry - posted by ThyKingCome (), on: 2014/11/18 16:31

Great word. That is why we are told to take heed HOW we hear and not just WHAT we hear.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2014/11/18 21:30

Excellent post!

Re: How Not to Hear God's Word of Truth - Matthew Henry - posted by JB1968 (), on: 2014/11/18 22:50

Matthew Henry has a lot of good stuff!

Re: , on: 2014/11/19 5:42

Very good word! Wow!