

Reading and prayer 22nd July 2021

Jesus said to the disciples 'the reason I speak to the people in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn— and I would heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.'

Matthew 13:13-17

Almighty God, we praise and thank you that our eyes, ears and hearts have been opened to your love through our Lord Jesus Christ. We long to know more of you and your ways. Direct us and keep us, on the straight path in this life, that one day we may come before your throne, spotless and confident that we have been obedient and served you as we ought. Amen

