Amo 8:11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD.

Jer 5:21 'Hear this now, O foolish people, Without understanding, Who have eyes and see not, And who have ears and hear not:

Jer 5:22 Do you not fear Me?' says the LORD. 'Will you not tremble at My presence, Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, By a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it.

Jer 5:23 But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart; They have revolted and departed.

## SO A LACK OR FAMINE OF HEARING IS A HEART ISSUE – THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN HEARING AND THE HEART

## READ MATTH 13V1-17

**Mat 13:8&9** But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. :9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Math13v15 FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE GROWN DULL. THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM.' :16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; :17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Luk 8:15 But the ones (SEED) that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

## THIS TYPE OF HEARING IS NOT JUST ANY NORMAL HEARING BUT HEARING OF THE WORD OF THE LORD WHEN ONE

- HEARS THE WORD
- YIELDS TO THE WORD
- ACTS UPON THE WORD

HE IS LIKENED UNTO A MAN WHO HAS RECEIVED HIS SEED ON GOOD GROUND (a ground tilled, a ground free from weeds and rocks those things that rob and steal from the ground what is intended for the seed)

THE HEARING, THE YIELDING AND THE ACTING UPON THE WORD YIELDS A CROP SOME THIRTY - SOME SIXTY - SOME 100 FOLD

BABES - CHILDREN - SONS

IN THE LAST DAYS THE LOVE OF MANY SHALL WAX COLD
ONE OF THE MAJOR CAUSES OF ONES HEART TO BECOME ANYTHING
OTHER THAN GOOD GROUND GOD INTENDS IS A WEED/ROCK CALLED
OFFENSE THAT CAN CAUSE ONES HEART TO BECOME UNYEILDING OR
REBELLIOUS TO HIS WORD

THE ENEMY USES OFFENSE TO CAUSE

ONES EAR TO GROW DULL TO HIS LEADING

AND ONES HEART TO GROW HARD OR RESISTANT TO HIS WAYS

HIS WAYS ARE HIS INSTRUCTION AND DIRECTION OF LOVE FORGIVENESS GRACE AND

MERCY

When one loses the capacity to hear ONE WILL resort to operating out of the realm of the SOUL - WHICH IS ONES FEELINGS, COMBINED WITH THEIR OWN WISDOM AND OWN DIRECTION.

AND NOT WALKING BY FAITH BECAUSE FAITH COMES BY HEARING AND HEARING COMES THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD (Rom10v17)

SO HEARTS BEGIN TO GROW DULL AND THERE'S NO OPERATION OR LIVING OUT OF FAITH –AND WITHOUT FAITH WE LOSE HOPE AND RESORT TO THE OLD WAY OF LIFE THAT IS CONSUMED IN THE "NOW MOMENT" OF LIVING. WHICH RESULTS IN A FALLING AWAY FROM A FAITH LED LIFE WHICH IS FOCUSED ON THE THINGS "HOPED FOR"

Jas\_1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

There was a church in Revelations 3:14 called Laodicea who lost the WAY and went THEIR WAY and lost the core of the message called LOVE Rev3:14 –

Laodicea, which means 'the peoples opinions' or 'the peoples rule.'
where they lost their first love because they made their opinion greater than Gods command they lost their capacity to hear. – Like Gods children in the days of Elijah they were caught between two opinions – Having lost the feeling of connection with God as He was standing outside the door knocking to come in

"THEY BECAME THE CHURCH THAT WAS POWERLESS AND WITHOUT PRESENCE"

To raise the standard of the Lord is not to pick up an offense, to walk by faith a Spirit led life and to prepare the ground of our hearts by walking in love which entails forgiveness, mercy & grace (Lk8v15) that we might come forth as SONS OF THE LIVING GOD

WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE TO BOTH HEAR AND SEE WHICH THOSE BEFORE WOULD OF ENVIED (Matth 13v16)
AND BE THE CHURCH OF POWER AND FULL OF HIS PRESENCE AS SONS OF GOD - DON'T ALLOW OFFENCE TO OVERTAKE
THE GROUND