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**Topic: Be Opened!** 

Scripture text: Mark 7:31-37

1. We can easily fall into sin using our 5 senses in the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. In Mark 7, the man who was brought to Jesus was deaf and had hearing impediment. In a way, he was safe from hearing the voices of the world to tempt him to sin.

- 2. Often in our lives we are also deaf to the voice of God. The Lord speaks to us in His still small voice but often we prefer to listen to the voices of this world which is controlled by Satan, the prince of this world. In the times of Jesus, the people hear the voices of the Pharisees who taught them salvation by good works. This is very deadly.
- 3. The Lord Jesus Christ healed this deaf man. The spit on him is a spiritual lesson as spitting symbolises uncleanness and Jesus wanted the people to know they were unclean in listening to the voice of the Pharisees.
- 4. The Lord healed by opening the man's ears to hear and tongue to speak. He can now hear the voice of Jesus and obey Him. His life will be transformed by Jesus Christ.
- 5. Every true believer will have our ears open by Jesus so that we can hear and understand His voice which is in His Word, the Bible. Our lives will be changed as we seek to hear the voice of Christ and not of this world.