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## Be ever hearing but never understanding.

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The Lord said you will be ever hearing but never understanding. Jesus said these words to the Jews of His day. These words were first spoken to the Jews of Isaiah's days as a prophecy saying that they did not understand what was being said to them. Their eyes had been closed and their ears were plugged up. This was a prophecy about the Jews of Jesus's time. They did not understand that the time of the Messiah had come to them. They did not believe nor understand what was happening before their eyes. They did not understand the great miracles that were happening right before their eyes. They were looking at their religion, their rituals and regulations and traditions. He had said that He wanted their hearts and not rituals or traditions. Jesus taught in many ways how they were focused on the letter of the law but did not understand the spirit of the law. So, they thought that Jesus was a false Messiah and their hard

hearts could not see. Their ears could not hear the words He was saying. So, they killed him like they did the many prophets before him. They were protecting their rituals and traditions.

Fast forward to today. I hope that we today have our eyes and ears fully open to what Jesus taught us and not get confused by many different denominations and religious concepts and ways to worship. Have we really examined all the things that Jesus has said?

Jesus said to be prepared for you do not know what day or what hour I will return. He said through one of his parables that we need to have our lamps full of oil and the wicks trimmed because his coming would be sudden and unexpected. Are we prepared and expecting? It has been a long time and I wonder if not only we don't have oil which I read to be the Holy Spirit in our lamps, but maybe we are like the Jews of the Lords time and don't see the happenings around us. Jesus said that even He did not know the time and hour of his return, but He said there would be signs. Signs of the fig tree (Matt 24 32). Do we really believe that He is coming again? Are we looking for signs around us? Jesus is returning to Jerusalem so there must be a Jerusalem to return to. Today there is a Jerusalem in the state of Israel. It is plainly said in Isiah (11:11) that there would be a second return of the Jews to their land. It has happened in our lifetime, but are we paying attention to this news? I believe this is one sign of his coming again. Are our eyes open and our ears unplugged to what is happening around us?

Are we ready for His return? Do we have our lamps full of the Holy Spirit and the fire burning in our hearts?

**Don't let us be caught with no oil in our lamp!**



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