

The Mystery of God's Plugged Ear

In a message about Yahweh's ability to save and hear, the prophet Isaiah throws us a wall of deafness. He tells us that our sins have interposed a face-covering barrier that resulting in Him being incapable of hearing us. Now there's a problem in a problem.

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
(Isa 59:1) but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. (Isa 59:2)

How bad is it Isaiah?

Deeds and words are the causes of the barrier and defilement.

1. For your **hands** are defiled with blood
2. and your **fingers** with iniquity;
3. your **lips** have spoken lies;
4. your **tongue** mutters wickedness. (Isa 59:3)

How widespread is the problem Isaiah?

He could not find a household unaffected:hence he says "no one", and "they" meaning "all".

1. No one enters suit justly;
2. no one goes to law honestly;
3. they rely on empty pleas,
4. they speak lies,
5. they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity. (Isa 59:4)
6. They hatch adders' eggs; they weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies, and from one that is crushed a viper is hatched. (Isa 59:5)

The basic products of our lives were death and perversion. Eat their eggs and die. Even the crushed egg yields a dangerous mutant. This is a twisted tale of helplessness, and all the more so when help is within reach. *His hand is not shortened.* How does God ever hear? Do we, like the proverbial leopard,

change our spots, or like the Kushite, change our dark skin? Do virgins have babies? Do people in darkness villages have a light invasion? Do kings come riding on a donkey? Do serpents on a pole save from death?

God's plugged ears presents a sure way of saying this problem has a solution in God. In Eden God had a unique solution provided by God, and on Mount Moriah he freed Abraham from despair with a ram caught in the thicket.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; (Isa 61:1)

The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. (Isa 62:2)

