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can you hear me now

"but they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear."
zech 7:11

there was a television commercial awhile back about mobile telephone reception. it became a familiar slogan mimicked by many. i fear many now are getting out of range of God's call as well. the Holy Spirit is calling to their hearts, "can you hear me now?" if one continues on in their own devices, the fate awaiting them is too terrible to imagine.

when john the baptist was about his ministry, he discerned the hearts of those seeking reconciliation without true repentance. "but when he saw many of the pharisees and sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'brood of vipers! who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?'" matt 3:7 there is a wrath to come and the only escape from it is through the blood of Jesus. that means true heart felt repentance for the things we have done.

softly and tenderly Jesus is still calling; calling for sinners to come home. but, "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.'" matt 13:15 they have closed their eyes to see and their ears to hear; not the Spirit of God.

God has done all He could to draw you. "we played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not lament." matt 11:17 many have given way to a more imminent seduction; the world, the flesh and the devil. "each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed." james 1:14 they believe happiness is always one more goal away. "if i just make more money, i'll be happy." "if i just buy my dream home, i'll be happy." "if i just get a hot and sexy partner, i'll be happy." "if i just get rid of the last 15 pounds, i'll be happy." only "godliness with contentment is great gain." 1 tim 6:6

all the while their heart is being hardened and their ears are growing dull of hearing. all their attention is given more and more over to self and it's desires. "when i was a child, i spoke as a child, i understood as a child, i thought as a child; but when i became a man, i put away childish things." 1 cor 13:11 youth ends when egotism dies. maturity begins when one lives for others.

the Spirit of God keeps calling but some ears remain completely deaf to reception. it's like they are tuned into a different wavelength. "awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." eph 5:14 the light of life.

"how then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" rom 10:14 it's the name above all names, and who will declare it? we will declare it. "for

there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." acts 4:12

there is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins,
and sinners plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.

God formed the world with a whisper, but He's getting ready to shout. can you hear Him now? will it be too late when you finally do?