

HOW WELL DO YOU SEE?

Mar 8:22 And he cometh to Bethsaida: and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

Mar 8:23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught.

Mar 8:24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

Mar 8:25 After that he put *his* hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

Mat 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

Mat 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

Mat 13:15 For this **people's heart is waxed gross**, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Mat 13:16 But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

Mat 13:17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

Waxed gross - Literally, “has become fat.” Here it means that the people were so sensual and corrupt that they did not see or understand the pure spiritual principles of the gospel.

Lest they should see ... - Lest they should see their lost condition as sinners, and turn and live. The reason given here why they did not hear and understand the gospel is, that their “heart”

was “wrong.” They “would” not attend to the things that belonged to their peace.

I should heal them - Should pardon, sanctify, and save them. Sin is often represented as a disease, and the pardon and recovery of the soul from sin as “healing.”

Blessed are your eyes ... - That is, you are happy that you are permitted to see truth which they will not see.

You are permitted to understand the spiritual meaning of the parables, and in some degree the plan of salvation.

Mat 13:17

Many prophets and righteous men ... - They wished to see the times of the Messiah.

Eye

Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Mat 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Mat 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

1. **Jesus proceeds to illustrate by a reference to the “eye.”**
When the eye is directed steadily toward an object, and is in health, or is single, everything is clear and plain. If it vibrates, flies to different objects, is fixed on no one singly, or is diseased, nothing is seen clearly. Everything is dim and confused. The man, therefore, is unsteady. The eye regulates the motion of the body.
2. **A man crossing a stream on a log**, if he will look across at some object steadily, will be in little danger. If he looks down on the dashing and rolling waters, he will become dizzy, and fall. So Jesus says, in order that the conduct may be right, it is important to fix the affections on heaven. Having the affections there - having

the eye of faith single, steady, unwavering - all the conduct will be correspondent.

Single - Steady, directed to one object. Not confused, as persons' eyes are when they see double.

Thy body shall be full of light - Your conduct will be regular and steady. All that is needful to direct the body is that the eye be fixed right. No other light is required. So all that is needful to direct the soul and the conduct is, that the eye of faith be fixed on heaven; that the affections be there.

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Pro 4:24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Pro 4:25 **Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.**

Pro 4:26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

Pro 4:27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Pro 4:25 Let thine eyes look right on,.... To the path of truth and holiness, without turning or looking to the right hand or left, as it is afterwards expressed;

Pro 23:5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

Job 31:1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

Psa 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.

WE NEED TO SEE AS JESUS SEES

1. The servant's eyesight was blurred at Dothan:

2Ki 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, **behold, a host compassed the city both with horses and chariots.** And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

2Ki 6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

2Ki 6:17 And **Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**

2Ki 6:18 And when they came down to him, **Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.**

2. And I saw Visions of God:

Eze 1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the river of Chebar, ***that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.***

Eze 1:2 In the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,

Eze 1:3 **The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.**

3. Welcome to the Cockpit!

a. When I was in the Army, on my way from Frankfurt Germany to Madrid, Spain. We were on a military flight with some pilots that were from California. When they found out that we were from California, they ask us to come up and view the flight from the cockpit. It was a completely different experience than

setting back of this cargo plane with no windows and enduring the long flight. What a difference it made in the cockpit, what a beautiful sight to behold, the blue sky the fluffy clouds and the vision and beauty beyond words. What a difference it made to take a trip to the cockpit.

- b. **When your just a passenger in an airplane you have limited vision.** It is crowded with not much space to move. It is made up of a set of rules. Fasten your seat belt, Turn off your electronics, cell phones don't work. Just riding out the turbulents and enduring the landing and the take off.
- c. **Life can be like that as a Christian,** just enduring your salvation instead of enjoying it. Just a set of rules and your hope is that one day you will land in the glory world. Just dragging your cross and enduring the trials of life.

4. **Jesus Said Look on the Fields,** I am going to show you great revival, don't look at your problems but look on the fields, and they are white already unto harvest.

5. **When the King Died, Isaiah saw the Lord High and Lifted up:**

Isa 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Isa 6:2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Isa 1:1. The Chaldee, however, reads this: 'in the year when Uzziah was smitten with the leprosy;' and most of the Jewish commentators so understand it;

6. **Paul's Mission to the Gentiles:**

Act 26:17 Delivering thee from the people, and *from* the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

Act 26:18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Act 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

7. **Paul had a Cockpit Experience:**

2Co 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the third heaven.

- a. **We probably will never have this exact experience;** But when God filled us with the Holy Ghost, we sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. God has a personal heavenly experience for each one of us

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

SATAN WHANTS TO KEEP US BLINDED FORM TRUTH

1. **Truth is hid to them that are Lost:**

2Co 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2. **William Tyndale was born around 1500's** and at the age of 30 years old he had committed his life to translating the Bible from the original language into English. The Roman Catholic Church was opposed to the translation of the Bible into the languages of

the common people. And he was put into exile, when he produced the first complete printed New Testament in English, translated from the original Greek.

- a. **May of 1535 Tyndale was arrested**, tried and condemned to death for his work of translation. On October 6, 1535, he was strangled and burnt at the stake. His final words were in prayer, “**Lord, Open the Kings of England’s Eyes**”

LET THE KING OF KING OPEN YOUR EYES

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

1. **The Emmaus Disciples**: They were walking on the road of Emmaus, discussing the events of the death of Jesus Christ
2. **He opened their eyes in a threefold way**:
 - a. **They experienced Open eyes**: “Ad their eyes were opened, and they knew him, and he vanished out of their sight. (vs. 31).
 - b. **He opened the Scripture**: “Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, while he opened to us the scripture. (vs. 32)
 - c. **He opened their Understanding**: “Then he opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures” (vs #45)

Joh 12:21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.