

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD, I WANT TO SEE YOU.

Introduction:

The most difficult problem man has got is his inability to see himself or situations around him the way God sees them: **John 12:40** “He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. Similarly, **Acts 28:27** says: “For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing and their eyes have they closed lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and should be converted, and I should heal them.”

- **We cannot see that we carriers of God’s power:** In **Exo. 4:1- 4:** The rod indicates a sign of POWER. It was in worldly understanding the tool of his calling or his staff of office as a shepherd; but in God’s plans a potential weapon of deliverance in he hand of the Lord for His own people. God specializes in using ordinary and simple things to perform his wonders. Stop calling what is in your hand “ordinary”. After all, what you can see with your ordinary eye as ordinary snack (5 loaves and 2 fishes carry within them the capacity to feed thousands).
- **Another area where we have problem is our inability to see our perverse ways.** In Number 22: 31-33 when God opened the eyes of Balaam to see his perverse ways, then a dramatic change occurred in his life. More dramatically was that of Isaiah. Here was a man that his name meant *salvation of the Lord*; he has prophesied from Chapters 1-5, and yet, he was not fulfilling God’s purpose for his life. In Chapter 6, **he saw the Lord** (Verses 5,6). The Lord will surely purge us of all unrighteousness in the name of Jesus.
- Most times, we are troubled and harassed because we cannot see what the Lord is doing in our life and think that He has already forsaken us; whereas, he works in ways we cannot see and He is making ways for us already fitting things into his overall plan for our life. In 2 Kings 6: 15 -18, the horses of the host of heaven and the chariots of fire was around the man of God. **Ps.34:7** says the angel of the Lord encamps round about them that fear him and delivers them.

Ps. 86:17 says the Chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

- Note that spiritual blindness is a terrible thing. Blindness naturally leads to captivity. In **2 Kings 16: 18-23**, the captors became captives after they have become blinded to their environment. When God opens your eyes, he can then send blindness to your enemies.
- You need to desire that the eyes of your heart be opened by the Lord:

Ps. 119:18: Open thou my eyes that I may behold the wondrous things out of your law.

Ps. 146: 8: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind: the Lord raises them that are bowed down: the Lord loves the righteous.

Is. 35:5: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ear of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Let us see the case of a man in Mark 8:22 – 25. His case was a pathetic case of spiritual and physical blindness:

- The man was brought to Jesus. There was no suggestion that he was really desperate to be healed. When there is spiritual blindness, the sense of perception is equally lost. His friends or family had to beseech Jesus to heal him.
- He was already accustomed to his conditions and he has accepted the parameter set for him through his artificial sensing devices and the help he was getting from his friends or relations.
- His case of dependence on other devices was acute that Jesus had to take him out of the city and took him to a place where he could learn to dependence on a Saviour who only can help him. He knew the city so much that he would not have bother about his sight if he was not taken out of the city. He had to be taken out of his comfort zone.
- His healing had to take two stages because he needed to be healed of physical and spiritual blindness.

Conclusion:

After seeing the Lord in His glory, we can then say like Job in Chapter 42:5: I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye see you.

As you focus on Christ who can brighten our sight, then we can see Jesus only in His glory.

Finally, in John 11:40, Jesus said unto her: "Said I not to unto thee, that if thou would believe, thou should see the glory of God?"