

Open Our Eyes, Lord!

Introduction: Jesus talked about spiritual eyesight on different occasions. Jesus called the Jewish leaders “blind guides” and “blind leaders of the blind.” (Mt. 23) They were highly religious, but couldn’t see their spiritual misdirection. The Psalmist’s appeal to God is worthy of note, “Open my eyes that I may see the wondrous things from Your law.” (Psa. 119:18)

I. Eyes open to see sin as it truly is.

- A. Satan paints a deceptive picture of sin. (Gen. 3:5-6; Heb. 11:25)
- B. Sin is nothing more than deadly pleasure. (Rom. 6:23)
- C. When tempted, our appeal should be, “God, open my eyes that I may see sin as it truly is and see in your word the wondrous reward of fleeing sin and remaining faithful to you.”

II. Eyes that see clearly to make righteous judgements

- A. Some judged Jesus purely by his appearance. (John 7:23, 24)
- B. What you see is not always what you get. (Prov. 18:13)
- C. Righteous judgement begins with how we see ourselves. (Matt. 7:1-5)
- D. Paul told Timothy, “Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching...” (1 Tim. 4:16)

III. Eyes open to see the path we are traveling

- A. Straight and narrow? Or, the broad way? (Matt. 7:13, 14)
- B. We need eyes that look straight ahead and not be intrigued by other pathways of life. (Prov. 4:25-27)
- C. Jeremiah 6:16: “Thus says the Lord, ‘Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it...’”
 - 1. So many paths in life.
 - 2. There’s only one that brings happiness & success. (Jn. 14:4-6)

Conclusion: Opening our eyes requires a heart that is not dull, ears that are willing to hear, and eyes that are willing to see God’s ways. (Matt. 13:13-15. Open eyes keep seeking. (Matt. 7:7, 8) Spiritual blindness is more common than rare. How willing are you for God to open your eyes to seeing things His way?