

Finding and Navigating The Narrow Way

Lesson 8 – SEEING IS BELIEVING

INTRODUCTION

It is a scientific fact, that certain people because of events so traumatic to the mind, have gone blind. Not that it was a “purposeful” decision, but one that the brain has deemed to be so horrific, it has chosen for the eyes, that they will not see. Many, do not see for a lifetime. The brain has chosen that the darkness is preferable to ever seeing with the natural eye ever again. Others eventually come to see, but only after long periods of counseling, encouragement, coaching, and other sessions, come to a point of letting go of the fear, shame, terror or whatever has caused the trauma, and for the first time in their lives from the original incident, can see again with the physical eyes.

The words of Jesus teach much about blindness, healed many who were blind, and taught many that spiritual blindness is greater even than physical blindness in its effect. In John 9, Jesus encountered many religious who thought they could see, but revealed to them that they were blind. Physical blindness He could heal. Spiritual blindness though, He could not heal unless those stricken with it would come to acknowledge that they were indeed blind.

If there is any story that reveals how great the Spiritual realm is over this temporary earthly dwelling and body, it is [Mt.8:23-27](#). Jesus is asleep in the stern of the boat while a storm rages and tosses the vessel. The disciples are in fear of their own lives, yet Jesus rests. To the human mind, it makes more sense to calm the storm, then rest. Yet, we see Jesus at rest in the midst of the storm. The lesson of the story? There is NO circumstance that can shake that which is anchored within the Kingdom of God that is unshakable ([Dan.2:44](#)) and empowered by a King and God who cannot be threatened.

SCRIPTURES FOR THIS LESSON

Dan 2:44 *And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,*

Mat 5 :29,30 *If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.*

Mat 6:19-23 *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"*

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Mat 8:24-27 *And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"*

1 Jn 1:5-10 *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

AFFIRMATIONS

- God is infinitely good, far more loving, gentle and kind to His children than any earthly mother or father imaginable.
- God is infinitely complete – there is NOTHING that can threaten Him. There is NOTHING that can be taken from Him so as to make him less than complete, nor added to Him because He is already complete and needs nothing.
- WE – YOU are made in the likeness and glory of God the Father. We are finite, yet in God through Jesus, we are in and have complete union with our Father and our Father with us. In this relationship, we ARE risen in Him, seated in heavenly places and there is NOTHING that can separate us from the love of God.
- Before you can know WHO you are, you must come to know WHO God is!
- In life, there is only one RACE distinction that matters. You are either God's, or you are not. Which are we?
- Because you are in Christ and Christ is in YOU, YOU are in the Father and the Father is in YOU, and YOU are HIS CHILD!
- There are two kingdoms that you can see right now, fully integrated and both good. T But you need to understand what you choose and decide to put your roots in.
- All that is perishable are beautiful gifts, given by God for us to enjoy and use appropriately. Yet, it is only when we find that we can let go of them, that we find the true delight in them.

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- If shame, deception, ego, and fear blind, only God's love can bring back sight. Only through a renewing of the mind, empowered by the Spirit of God, can one truly see (Rom.12:2)

QUESTIONS FOR THIS LESSON

What do the scriptures mean by a "renewing of the mind?" _____

How does a renewed mind that is filled and motivated with love, joy and peace, see the world and the people in it? _____

How is this different from how you have seen yourself, the world, and yourself in the world? _____

In Mt.8:23-27, the disciples felt threatened by the torrent and waves, which kept them from the peace that allowed Jesus to sleep. What are the torrents and waves that keep us from seeing the peace that exists in God and Christ? _____

How can you see peace in the midst of your life's storms? _____
