

I Was Blind But Now I See

What is blindness? The following definition is taken from "Dictionary.com" online:

- 1. the inability to see; the condition of having severely impaired or absolutely no sense of sight*
- 2. an unwillingness or inability to perceive or understand; lack of judgment; ignorance*

As we can see, blindness can be defined as a physical malady or a perception of ignorance, in the latter case, pertaining to spiritual matters. Both are detrimental - the physical, affecting this lifetime, the spiritual affecting both our present and eternal life!

God chose the Israelites to become a worldwide example to introduce His crucial plan for salvation after Adam and Eve brought sin into this world. He showed them miracle after miracle from the time He called them out of Egypt to the time of His Son's incarnation on the earth. But the Israelites nearly always remained stiff necked, disobedient, turning from Him even though He continued to rescue them time after time. However, the final abomination occurred when Yahshua, the Son of the living God, first came to earth, and was not only rejected, but was then killed! This horrendous event was prophesied to purposefully provide the Gentiles the opportunity to be grafted in, become fully acceptable to obtain salvation.

John 12:37-40 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: 38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? 39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 40 He hath 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.

Rom 11:7-12 7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded 8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. 9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: 10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway. 11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. 12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

Israel, through the prophet Isaiah, refused to accept God's message about the hardships they would have to endure. Isaiah further told them about the future when God would turn that gloom into honor because God is sovereign, His plan succeeding, allowing the blind to see.

Is 42:16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

Is 9:1-2 Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed her, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. 2 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. (NKJV)

Yahshua was sent to open the blind eyes as prophesied in Isaiah 42:6-7

Is 42:6-7 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

These words of Christ were specifically spoken that collectively described the many miracles of physical healing and freedom from spiritual bondage He performed during His time on earth.

Mt 11:2-5 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, 3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? 4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: 5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Lk 4:17-21 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Clearly we have no excuse for our blindness because God has sovereignly established the evidence of His existence throughout His creation if we are willing to accept that fact. Even though the evidence is irrefutable, mankind chooses to resist and oppose God's truth by holding fast to sin. Each person is responsible for his or her refusal to accept what has been shown to them. Only after we acknowledge Christ's existence do we then begin to travel on the road leading out of blindness, finally hearing the call, the truth of the Gospel – Christ now in us!

Ps 14:1-2 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. 2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

John 3:19-21 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Rom 1:19-21 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Col 1:25-27 ...to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now made manifest to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (RSV)

As we read in Mt 15, Yahshua dramatically deflates the elevated, self-imposed stature of the leaders in Israel by accurately describing them as "blind guides" who purposefully lead the people into blindness by following and teaching their own traditions of God's commands. By blindly following these teachers, the people also fell into the very same ditch!

Mt 15:14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Yahshua tells the Pharisees that if they were blind spiritually, they would not be responsible for the sin they commit because they would be ignorant to it but because they knew the law and the prophecies of His coming but refused to acknowledge Him as the Messiah they would remain in their sin and were responsible for misleading the people.

John 9:39-41 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

John 15:22-24 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. 23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

*This previous Scripture does not mean to imply they would be sinless after hearing Him, but by **willingly and deliberately** rejecting Him as the Messiah, any excuse placating their guilt has evaporated! Thus they rebelled against Him and chose darkness over light, even though His words and miracles proved that He was the Son of God.*

Satan has blinded man to God's truth through the world system that he has created. Without a Godly influence, mankind, left to itself, will follow that system which caters to unbelievers while

deepening moral darkness. From God's perspective, there are only two sides: children of God or children of Satan. Someone who has come to know God and is forgiven of their sins through the blood of Christ is a child of God. If we give our allegiance to this world's system controlled by Satan, we are his child.

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

The good news! If we seek His goodness, come to know His will, and then repent of our sins, He will remove our blindness and allow us to see forever!

Mt. 7:7-11 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Proverb to ponder:

Pr 29:16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall. (KJV)

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