

## The Blind Will See...

Sounds familiar doesn't it. This is one of the promises of God to those who believe in the coming of His Redeemer, Messiah...His Son Jesus. This promise is to those who have placed their faith in Christ. They will be able to step out in faith, into eternity to live in the Kingdom of God --forever.

Do you remember all of the promises?

- the blind will see...
- the deaf will hear...
- the dead will live again...
- the lame will leap ....
- the dumb will speak praises to the Lamb.

These promises will be kept because they were made by Jesus, the Lord of ALL Creation who alone became the God/Man who...

- Walked on water!
- Came to save our sons and daughters!
- Came to deliver you!
- Calmed a storm with His hand!
- Walks where angels trod!

Jesus the Son of God, the Ancient of Days, the Great I AM of the Old Testament!

When we read that the blind shall see, the other promises usually come to mind for most of us. But for me there is much more to sight than seeing through my eyes. For unless you are *Born Again*, the physical eyes you see through are blind. They are the eyes of a dead person waiting for physical death, who then will experience the second death described in the Book of Revelation.

According to Gods Word this second death is a spiritual death that will leave the person in outer darkness...blind for eternity without hope.

On this physical plane of existence most people struggle to reach the top of the mountain. Their personal ambitions and desires shrouded in pride, and self awareness drive their calloused hearts and self absorbed minds ever forward.

They are intensely focused on getting to that door at the top of the mountain where they believe they will have arrived and finally fulfill their purpose for themselves and be satisfied.

No one else matters in this personal journey to self fulfilled glory. People get there by using other people for their own benefits. Cast off on the side of their road to success are spurned people who once trusted them, loved them...broken people left far behind. They make up parents, wives, husbands, friends and children.

There is a procession of haunting memories that occasionally break into their consciousness and touches what is left of their hardened hearts. Their climb to the top becomes increasingly harder, because the weight of those whom they have left behind clings to their dead hearts like anchors.

Finally their journey to the top of the mountain ends. They have arrived and stand before the door. They are close enough to reach out and touch the handle to open the door at the top of the mountain. Their focus has been so intense, so self serving that they do not see a small sign just above the door.

But why should they see this small sign? All their lives they only focused on themselves, never had their gaze widened to see the needs of all those around them.

Their ears were only tuned to hear what they wanted to hear, never once did they hear the cries, the sobs representing the emotional and physical pain of those around them needing their help. They never cared about the blind, the lame, the deaf and the dumb... a world filled "With the Least of These."

So they eagerly reach out and grasp the handle to open the door to the fulfillment of their desires. The handle is painful to their touch...it's so very hot ! But they are consumed with their desire so they bear the pain and open the door.

Standing in the open doorway they see a light off in the distance, yet they seem to be standing in shadows. As they look out into the distance a faint path emerges that leads to the light. But as they look down they cannot see the place to put their foot on the path so they may follow it to the Kingdom of Light.

A random thought comes to their minds, words they somehow recognize but have never heard before "My Word is a lamp unto thy feet".

So they look up and see the little sign. It says..."If you had seeked me with all your heart, mind and soul you would have found me. You have lived your life in darkness yet you have seen a great light and now it is appointed to man once to die, and then the judgment".

The message falls on a soul filled with shadows and a mind that never became renewed; for they had lived their lives deaf, dumb and blind to the truth.

Just under the sign is a pull chain attached to a light bulb. Still not understanding the message they reach up and pull the chain that's attached to the light bulb expecting the light to come on and illumine their path, but instead they **turn ON the Darkness**. They finally have arrived at the place they personally have chosen to spend eternity. They will be in outer darkness...blind and alone for eternity without hope in a place where ..."**the dead shall live again**."

**“ Yet those who live in Darkness have seen a great light ”.**

### **Reflections:**

The Bible gives us in-sight into the physical world we think is real; and into the invisible world that is true reality. The spiritual dimension is more real than our own existence. The physical realm is ending, but the spiritual realm is forever.

The following is taken from a Bible study of the ancient book of Job. It is written by Ray Steadman. The book is called "Let God Be God". Continue to read and you will gain real sight into a reality that is all around you. A reality you will step into the split second you die.

### **From the Physical to the Invisible:**

"The scene shifts to that world of invisible reality that the New Testament calls "the heavenly realms." Paul spoke of this realm in Ephesians 1:3. This realm is not up above the clouds or off in outer space. It's here...all around us... but it is invisible to us.

We are separated from this realm by an invisible barrier. We cannot see what is going on in an unseen realm, but we know it is the place where God and His angels are engaged in a great struggle against Satan and his demons.

Here, in Job 1:6, the curtain lifts, and we catch a glimpse of the drama taking place behind the scenes of history. I am reminded of the scene in 2 Kings 6, where the heathen king of Aram sends a strong force of men and chariots to capture the prophet Elisha in the city of Dothan. When Elisha's servant awakens in the morning and sees Aram's arm all around, he panics and say to Elisha, "Oh, master, what shall we do?"

And Elisha replies "Don't be afraid. Those who are with us are greater than those who are with the army of Aram." Then Elisha prays, "O Lord, open my servant's eyes so he may see!"

In that instant the Lord lifts the curtain that hides the heavenly realm from the servant's eyes. The servant looks and sees the horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha's house, providing a zone of security and protection against the armies of Aram.

This is a description of the invisible realm that surrounds you and me at all times. It surrounded Job. We humans cannot see that realm unless God raises the curtain on this drama in the heavenly realms and allows us to see what Job himself could not see:

One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is not one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lift a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord."

An impressive scene! It reminds us of John's vision in Revelation 4, where he sees thousands of angels gathered in the great audience chamber of heaven, in the presence of God Himself.

In verse 6, the word translated angels is literally the sons of God in the original Hebrew. No one knows how many angels there are, but their number seems countless. The text suggests that they were required to periodically come before God and report their activities to HIM.

Where did the activities of the angels take them? Well, consider the universe God has made. According to the American Astronomical Society, our own sun is one star out of an estimated four hundred billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy, which is just one galaxy out of an estimated 240 billion galaxies in the known universe.

How many planets there might be in such a vast universe is anyone's guess, but God could have assigned an angel to every planet of the universe. If we push back the limit of our imagination, we begin to see that God is interested in far more than this little planet of ours. He and His angels have an entire universe to oversee.

That is the scene we glimpse in these opening verses of Job. The ministering angels of the Lord have gathered from all over the universe to report to God on their activities, and in the midst of them was Satan.

The name Satan means "the adversary", and it's an apt name. That's how Satan first appears in the book of Job. We see him there in the midst of all the angels of heaven, and there is no question that he comes as an adversary...an enemy of God and an enemy of humanity. Clearly, this is Satan after his fall. The books of Ezekiel and Isaiah describe the fall of Satan (see Ezekiel 28:11-18 and Isaiah 14).

There we are told that he was once the greatest of angels, but he became arrogant and proud. In Opposition to God, who created him, Satan led a rebellion. Now he has returned to the courts of God, where he once had a place of honor as the greatest of angels. Satan though fallen still has been granted access to heaven.

The book of Job has much to say to us about the reasons for our suffering in this world and especially why innocent people suffer. Yet there is a deeper level of truth for it reveals to us the relationship between God and Satan. God does not want us to be confused or uninformed about the power of Satan.

The adversary is deadly and powerful, he hates God and he hates us. But Satan is not the equivalent of God. He is under the authority of God. He is not the equal of God.

The book of Job shows us right from the start that God is in control of all things. All the forces of the universe are His to command. All of time and space are under His authority. Nothing ever takes God by surprise. There is nothing beyond the reach of God's will, not even Satan."

This ancient war has been going on for thousands of years. The battlefield is in your mind. The prize is your heart and your soul. The objective of the deceiver is to keep you from knowing the truth. That you are not really alive, but part of the walking dead of this world, doomed to judgment for your original sin. Sin is part of your genetic makeup, and must be removed before you meet God.

God has given us only one way to remove our sin. He sent His Son Jesus to die on a Cross for you and me, so whom ever would look upon Him and accept His death in place of their own, for their sin; would be cleansed and have eternal life in Heaven.

Satan exists only to turn your eyes away from the Cross, so you will die in your sins. **He is the enemy of your soul.**

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