

Promises of God

Title – The Gift of Seeing

- Prayer
- Review

As we continue in discovering the depth of the promises of God...

I want us to remember what the bible teaches us about God...

He does not change His mind... and He cannot lie...

Last week we focused on the promise that God assures us...

That if you search for Me... You will find Me

NOTE-

For Christians... Finding Jesus is not enough

Once we know Who He is

We should desire to know Him ever so much more

Charles Spurgeon September 3, 2026

Many can only say of Jesus that they hope they love him; they trust they love him; but only a poor and shallow experience will be content to stay here. No one ought to give any rest to his spirit till he feels quite sure about a matter of such vital importance. We ought not to be satisfied with a superficial hope that Jesus loves us, and with a bare trust that we love him. Why do we love Jesus? Because he first loved us. Why do we love Jesus? Because he "gave himself for us." We have life through his death; we have peace through his blood. Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor. Why do we love Jesus? Because of the excellency of his person. We are filled with a sense of his beauty! an admiration of his charms! a consciousness of his infinite perfection! His greatness, goodness, and

loveliness, in one resplendent ray, combine to enchant the soul till it is so ravished that it exclaims, "Yea, he is altogether lovely."

Do you have that desire...? Can you say... Jesus means everything to me...!

Are we more inclined...

To tell others about a new movie before we tell them about Jesus...?

Are we more inclined...

To talk about our latest hobby or experience before we talk about Jesus...?

Or... have we lost our first love...?

Do we really see Jesus for Who He is...?

- **Opening**

We were at an Eye Center the other day picking up a pair of glasses

While the technician was preparing our order we had some small talk

Being in the first week of September I asked him if they get rush this month
With schools opening up

He informed me that they do get a rush but it's not until October

It's after the teachers recognize that the student is not able to see clearly

Alerting the parents to what they observe

So that they can have their child's eyes checked

Eyesight... is a gift from God

SERMON TITLE – The Gift of Seeing

We see... Because God designed us that way...

EXPAND-

- **Reading**

Psalm 146

8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind

- **Doctrinal**

STORY-

A couple of weeks ago I saw a YouTube video that someone had put together

They strung together videos of toddlers getting their first pair of glasses

They would fuss when the technician tried to put the glasses on

But then they would be still for a moment

Looking around thinking... wow... somethings different... what happened

Then there was that moment of recognition

When they would see their mother clearly for the first time

And the joy that they expressed was priceless

It brought back wonderful memories of when I first discovered Jesus

Do I get all weepy and teary eyed when I think about Jesus...?

I was raised without a dad... in the era of John Wayne...

But there are moments when I remember His love for me

And the emotions are hard to keep in check

I do love Jesus for what He has done for me...

That He removed the scales that were covering my eyes

And opened my eyes to begin to see Him more clearly

Psalm 146

8 It is the Lord Who opens the eyes of the blind...

What is the psalmist talking about...?

NOTE-

In Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus began His ministry by quoting Isaiah
Revealing that Isaiah was predicting
That the Messiah would be the One to **RECOVER** the sight of the blind

Luke 4

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind...

Webster's Dictionary-

Recovery - The act of regaining, retaking or obtaining possession of anything lost; The capacity of being restored to health.

He has sent Me... for... the recovery of sight to the blind

NOTE-

And the Gospels tell us that Jesus healed the blind

QUESTION-

How many times did Jesus heal the blind?

ANSWER-

A search engine states that the Gospels record eight specific instances
Where Jesus healed individuals or groups identified as blind
Is that an accurate number... or... is the search engine missing something

Are we missing something when we read that the Messiah

Would be sent into the world for the recovery of the sight to the blind

Listen again to our reading...

What was the God saying through the Psalmist...?

It is the Lord Who opens the eyes of the blind...

What was God saying through Isaiah...?

He anointed Me... *for the...* recovery of the sight to the blind

NOTE-

Clearly this refers not just to recovery of literal eyesight

But in the context of proclaiming the Good News... the Gospel

Jesus, the Light of the World came for the recovery of spiritual sight

OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO John 9:4-7

John 9

4 We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." 6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing.

TURN BACK TO John 1:4-5

John 1

4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Don't read through this too quickly...

The life Jesus gives reveals God's truth and leads people out of sin and spiritual darkness. Isaiah foretold that those dwelling in darkness would see a great light, fulfilled in Christ's coming. In Him, the fountain of life becomes the light by which humanity sees God...**Berean Study Bible**

We see because God gave us the gift of eyesight...

I asked an AI... **How long does it take for a newborn baby to see**

ANSWER-

Newborn babies can see immediately after birth, often opening their eyes within the first 20 minutes. However, their vision is initially blurry, limited to a distance of 8 to 12 inches, and primarily in black, white, and shades of gray

Vision quality improves significantly over the first year, with clear, adult-like vision generally achieved by 12 months.

I followed up with...**How long before we discover the eyes of our heart**

ANSWER-

There's no fixed timeline. In the Christian tradition, it's framed as an ongoing process — a gradual deepening of spiritual perception throughout a lifetime, not a milestone reached at a certain age.

It's not a matter of "how long" but of "how much" — a continuous unfolding, not a single moment of discovery.

We often don't think about it, but we have two pairs of eyes.

The first pair is the eyes of our heads

The physical organs we use to perceive and make sense

Of the physical world around us.

But the second pair of eyes are the eyes of our heart

This pair of eyes does not perceive physical realities but spiritual ones

These eyes are given to us to sense the invisible realities of God

The Gift of Seeing

- 1) Physical Eyes
- 2) Spiritual Eyes

- **Application**

Let's look at our Physical eyes

The Gift of Seeing

1) Physical Eyes

One of the signs of the Messiah...

Was that He would restore the eyesight to the blind

SIDENOTE-

There is episode in the Old Testament when someone's sight was restored

NOTE-

God was sympathetic for those who were blind

Cursed is anyone who leads the blind astray on the road

Clearly... if a Jew saw anyone heal the blind

They should have immediately thought that they had found the Messiah

Matthew 9

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, It shall be done to you according to your faith. 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: See that no one knows about this!" 31 But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land.

They spread the news about Jesus... What news?

Do you remember what Andrew said to his brother Peter...?

We have found the Messiah

And immediately they followed after Jesus... Why?

Listen to what a blind man said when he heard Jesus was coming...

Mark 10

51 What do you want me to do for you? Jesus asked him. The blind man said, Rabbi, I want to see.

52 Go, said Jesus, your faith has healed you. Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

With his physical eyes being healed...

He was able to follow Jesus...

It is the Lord Who opens the eyes of the blind...

When we are born, we are spiritually blind. We lack the ability to perceive, understand, and then participate in spiritual truths and... **Justin Feland**

NOTE-

Even though we were born with physical eyes that could see

We were born blind to the spiritual realities around us

We were once blind and could not see Who Jesus is...

2 Corinthians 4

4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Our second bullet point...

The Gift of Seeing

1) Physical Eyes

2) Spiritual Eyes

Spiritual Eyes... the eyes of our heart

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind...

What does that look like...?

Two examples of spiritual eyes being opened

Genesis 3

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked...

Two disciples on the road to Emmaus...

Luke 24

31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

What caused Adam and Eves eyes to be opened...?

The words of Satan...

What caused the eyes of the two disciples to be opened...?

It was the words of scripture (the bible)... the Word of God

What was the result of each when their eyes were opened...

One pair of eyes were opened to shame...

And went and hid

The other pair of eyes were opened to joy...

And immediately went back to Jerusalem to proclaim what they had seen

Which camp to I belong to...

Have I hidden God's Word in my heart...?

Or do I tell others about the Messiah... the Christ... About Jesus

Isaiah 43

8 Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes,
And the deaf, even though they have ears.... 10 "You are My witnesses,"
declares the Lord

You are My witnesses...

Go... and bring out those who are blind

Compel them to come out

You are my witnesses... plead with them to be reconciled to God

We were once blind just as many in the world still are

How will they know that they are blind if we do not tell them...?

Romans 10

14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will
they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear
without a preacher? 15 How will they preach unless they are sent?

We are all preachers...

We are all witnesses...

- **CLOSE**