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## **Scriptural References and Comment Notes**

## # 10-072-8 THE EYES OF FAITH

- 1:15 Acts 26:16-18 Jesus tells Paul to "open their eyes so the may come from darkness to light".
- 2:30 John 9:1-41 Jesus heals the blind man but the religious authorities do not believe it to be true and attempt to discredit him. (Verse 39) "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind".
- 6:40 Teaching on the meaning of the word "see" in English and Greek.
- 7:10 There is an affliction of Spiritual Blindness in the world.
- 8:20 A look at four causes of Spiritual Blindness that are identified in scripture. (1) Acts 28:23-27 **Unbelief** 
  - 11:20 Ezekiel 12:1-2 (2) **Rebellion** Knowing what God would want but choosing to do something opposed.
  - 12:30 Romans 1:18-26 (3) **Serving created things instead of the creator** Putting other things before the Lord.

- 15:35 1 John 2:9-11 (4) **Fractured relationships** either Horizontal, family, neighbors etc. or Vertical with the Lord. God joined the two, let no man try and separate.
- 17:00 A teaching on the unpardonable sin (Sin against the Holy Spirit). God is always willing to forgive but we can lose the capacity to be concerned about our condition. A hardened heart or a seared conscience.
- 20:00 A story about a Chicago businessman and his eyes being opened.
- 30:00 Ephesians 1:16-19 A prayer from Paul to those in Ephesus that their eyes may be enlightened.
- 32:00 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Paul offers not only prayer for open eyes but Proclamation as well. With open ears and eyes, having understood the Gospel message, we might open our lips to make others aware of their blindness.

Acts 26:16 But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, 17 delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles — to whom I send you 18 to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

John 9:1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." 10 They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

John 9:13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. 15 The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. 17 So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<u>John 9:18</u> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, <u>19</u> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does

he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

John 9:24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" 28 And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34 They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

John 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard this, and they said to him, "Are we also blind?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

Acts 28:23 When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in great numbers. And he expounded the matter to them from morning till evening, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. 24 And

some were convinced by what he said, while others disbelieved. <u>25</u> So, as they disagreed among themselves, they departed, after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: <u>26</u> 'Go to this people, and say, You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive. <u>27</u> For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.'

- <u>Ezek. 12:1</u> The word of the LORD came to me: <u>2</u> "Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not, who have ears to hear, but hear not;
- Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse; 21 for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles.
- Rom. 1:24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever! Amen.
- Rom. 1:26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural,
- <u>1John 2:9</u> He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. <u>10</u> He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. <u>11</u> But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Eph. 1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might

<u>2Cor. 4:3</u> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <u>4</u> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God. <u>5</u> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <u>6</u> For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.