

INTRODUCTION:

UNUSUAL SIGHTS,

THE PEOPLE STOOD BEHOLDING

WELCOME SIGHTS.

I. OUR SPIRITUAL EYES ARE SORE WITH SIN. *milton: "darker light"*

1. WE STUMBLE AT NOONDAY AS IN THE NIGHT

2. HAVING THE UNDERSTANDING DARKENED

II. THE SIGHT WE LONG TO SEE.

1. JESUS ONLY, MT. 17:8

A. NOT THE WIND AND THE WAVES. MT. 14:30

B. OTHERS SAW THE GIANTS; CALEB SAW THE LORD.

C. WHEN WE TAKE OUR EYES OFF JESUS WE BEGIN TO SINK.

D. NOT OUR GLORIOUS SPIRITUAL PRIVILEGES.

E. THIS SAME JESUS, ACTS 1:10,

NOT ANOTHER, JOB, 19:27

F. SIR, WE WOULD SEE JESUS, JNO. 12:20, 21

G. NOT IMPERFECTLY, BUT CLEARLY, MK. 8:24, 25.

2. JESUS RETURNING

A. BEHOLD HE COMETH WITH CLOUDS, AND EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM.

B. UNTO THEM THAT LOOK FOR HIM SHALL HE APPEAR, HEB. 9:28

C. THE EYES OF ALL WAIT UPON THEE, PS. 145:15

D. *Hindu women with the poor wide eyes.*

3. THE GLORY OF THE LORD.

A. THE SIGHT OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD WAS LIKE A DEVOURING FIRE. EX. 24:17

B. WE BEHELD HIS GLORY, JNO. 1:14

WE WERE EYEWITNESSES OF HIS MAJESTY, 2 PET. 1:16

4. OUR ETERNAL HOME.

A. THEY SHALL BEHOLD THE LAND THAT IS VERY FAR OFF. ISA. 33:17

B. WHERE GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM OUR EYES, REV. 7:17

C. I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER, PS. 23.

III. HOW OUR EYES CAN BE RESTORED TO SIGHT.

1. THEY MUST BE ANNOINTED WITH THE EYESALVE OF THE GOSPEL. REV. 3:14
Salvation by Divine Contact.

2. WE MUST BE MADE PURE IN HEART,

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD. MT. 5:8
(smoke) and worldliness blots out our view of God.

3. OUR EYES MUST BE OPENED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, LK. 24:31

A. IN A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH CHRIST.

B. CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS.

(1). HE SAW A GREAT LIGHT

(2). THE SCALES FELL FROM HIS EYES

C. Artist's picture - "If I lose that, I'm lost!"

4. We must get away from everything that interferes and get alone with Christ.

I do not care to speculate on things mysterious to the mind,
But O the rapture, early, late, of light to eyes that once were "blind."
C.M. Pattee

IV. WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN OUR EYESIGHT IS RESTORED?

1. WE WILL HAVE THE ASSURANCE OF A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE,
RATHER THAN THE TESTIMONY OF OTHERS,
JOB. 42:5, "I HAVE HEARD OF THEE BY THE HEARING OF THE
EAR, BUT NOW MINE EYE SEETH THEE."
2. WE WILL BE CONSCIOUS OF OUR UNWORTHINESS IN THE PRESENCE
OF A HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS GOD, ISA. 6:5
3. WE CAN NOT BE DISOBEDIENT TO THE HEAVENLY VISION, ACTS 26:19

A. child specialist said, "when it comes to a
serious illness, the child who has been taught
to obey stands four times the chance
of recovery than the spoiled and
undisciplined child does."

4. We will bring or lead other blind people
to the Saviour.

5. we may not be blind, and still have
imperfect sight.

While imperfect faith will save the soul,
yet it will not prevent many incorrect views
and many needless tears.

Spiritually speaking, most of us still see men
as trees walking. The obvious proof of this
is our many various denominations. #
Two men with perfect sight would see
an object alike;

Two with imperfect or very dim sight
would each see it to be different.

This is what Paul writes in I Cor. 13,
"For now we see through a glass darkly;
but then face to face;

Now I know in part;
But then shall I know even as also I am known."

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Milton:

"Thus with the year
Seasons return, but not to me returns
Day or the sweet approach of even or morn,
Or sight of vernal bloom or summer's rose,
Or flocks or herds, or human face divine;
But clouds instead and ever during dark
Surrounds me, and from the cheerful ways of men
Cut off, and for the book of knowledge fair
Presented with a universal blank
Of Nature's works, to me expunged & ras'd,
And wisdom at one entrance quite shut out."

Looking to Jesus -

an artist once drew a picture.
it represented a night scene.
a solitary man is rowing a little skiff
across a lake;

the wind is high and stormy,
the billows, white and crested,
rage around his frail bark;

and not a star, save one,
shines through the dark & angry sky above.
But upon that lone star the voyager
fixes his eye, and keeps rowing away —
on, on, and on through the mid-night storm.

Written beneath the picture were these words:
"If I lose that, I'm lost!"