



Discipleship [®] LIFE NOTES

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Another Kind of Blindness
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Key Scriptures

Isaiah 6:1, 6:8-13 , 9:6, 63:16, 64:8

John 12:41

Luke 4: 18-19

Synopsis

Just as a person can be physically blind only able to see blurry objects through to completely zero sight a person can also see and not see at the same time. Colour blindness is a different kind of blindness, one where a person can see but also not see the specific detail. So it can be for us until Christ reveals the areas we not be seeing clearly or at all.

We have been talking at the Rock about sight that is revealed by the Holy Spirit coupled with the transforming power of the Living Word of God. It's a transformation that truly changes our lives so that we will be a people who reflect Christ to each other and to the world. A life that is as Christ is.

In Isaiah 6:1 the prophet says he "saw" the Lord high and lifted up and the train of His robe filled the temple. And in John 12:41 John records that Isaiah "saw" the Lord Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him. NIV How is it that Isaiah saw Jesus some 700 plus years before Jesus was even born let alone in His Glorified state and in the Temple? He never saw this by his own devices but it had to be shown to him from above. In Isaiah 6:8-13 God pronounces a curse on the people that they, because of their rebellion, will be blind to Him however in Isaiah 61:1-2a Isaiah also prophesies the solution, the remedy to the blindness.

Luke 4: 18-19 Jesus declares that the solution to the blindness, Isaiah's prophecy, has been fulfilled in their hearing. He is the one that will open their eyes, ears, and hearts to God the 'Father'. (Isa 9:6, 63:16, 64:8)

We cannot make this life happen in us; we can however manufacture a counterfeit version that looks really good, and may even be equipped with gifts given by God but is not of Him. Our own actions and reactions reveal the condition of our heart. We will only see what we can't see when we are humble before God asking, seeking and knocking on His door to open our eyes to Him. Jesus Christ has declared that He fulfilled the prophecy so that we can see, it is possible. Paul warns us in Hebrews not to be like those who never entered into the Promised Land because of hard hearts toward God. Are we/you challenged by the words that I could be blind to Him and His ways and not enter into His Rest, wanting things I want rather than what He would want?

Questions

1. What might this blindness look like in my own life?
2. Can I testify of a time(s) when I know God has revealed Himself to me"?
3. What would prevent me from continuing to pursue my closeness with God for God to reveal give more sight and more of His truth to and in me.

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