

Eyes that see

1 Cor 2:9 The Message

No one's ever seen or heard anything like this, Never so much as imagined anything quite like it— What God has arranged for those who love him. But you've seen and heard it because God by his Spirit has brought it all out into the open before you.

Pictures in the Sky

Ever played cloud pictures? Lay back and look at the formation of the clouds and try and see shapes and pictures, elephants – monsters – etc.

80's Magic Pictures

Look at random dots on a picture, you would have to stare then squint, turn your head, close your eyes tight and then look again to find out what the picture was, someone would say it's a train and you would just agree, even when you had never seen the thing. Emperor's new clothes.

Eyesight is a funny thing

Long or short-sighted, variable focal (Andy looking over his glasses), Tony holding small print as far away as he can. Mr Magoo – gets in all kinds of trouble because he can't see things clearly. Joel in the swimming baths, things can get a little awkward when you don't see, discern or identify things properly.

With clouds and magic pictures you can have a guess, use your imagination to fill in the gaps, just make something up, it has no consequence.

If we have a problem you try and fix it.

Short or long sighted: Glasses or, if you have the money, laser treatment.

Cataracts: Lift the lens and take out the part of the eye that has become damaged.

Even if you can't fix the problem cosmetically or surgically, you would never allow the situation to stop you moving forward. Learn to re-train your senses to help make up for the lack, guide dogs, stick.

What price can you put on your sight, you never know what you have lost until it's gone.

How much more value do you put on life when you have sight?

Creation, sunsets; birth of your child; first blooms of love – the power of position when you can see.

When you see the power and benefits of sight naturally, what can we glean or learn from having well defined spiritual sight, we live and move/function in 2 dimensions: natural and spiritual.

Psalm 62:11 *One thing God has spoken, 2 things I have heard.*

The same way creation reveals the handiwork of God in the natural – God wants to activate and ignite your spiritual sight.

Eph 1:17-18 The Message

I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

Chris Shawcross and Tunnel Vision – The loss of peripheral site, *could never see obstacle: Ladder*, he had no perspective to work from.

Dealing with the loss of sight 1 Sam 11: 1 – 11 Saul rescues the city of Jabesh

Make a treaty with us.

Gouge out your right eye – Become a disgrace in Israel.

330,000 men answer the call.

Never make a treaty with the enemy, it starts with an eye, ends with a life, he only wants you to see in 1 dimension. We have the advantage over the enemy in the spirit realm, as he has been blinded to understanding of the ways of God, the whole cannon of scripture tells of the redemption of man and the arrival of the saviour, even when Jesus proclaims it himself he still has no understanding and has him crucified. The Holy Spirit's role is to bring you into all truth, not leave you stumbling around in the dark.

I am not moved by what I see but what I believe. Smith Wigglesworth.

When you see in the natural without your spiritual filter it can kill you.

Fear – Apprehension – Excitement: You are moved by what you see - prayer line.

Who's report will you believe?

When you are connected to the Father and the Holy Spirit who reveals the living word Jesus, the blinkers start to come off. For some slowly, others a Damascus Road experience, scales fall from your eyes.

Surprise surprise.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

The Father doesn't want to keep us in the dark but keep us informed of his plans.

Genesis 18: 17 *Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?"*

Blind Bartimaeus Mark: 10 46 – 52 Humour bible

Naturally blind, yet had spiritual 20/20 vision expound, he had seen himself doing and being.

What does God see when he looks at you?

The greatest prize, the pearl of great price, the apple of His eye, partners in covenant, whole in Christ.

It's time to change your reference point; stop seeing things the way you have been programmed to see them, don't value yourself more highly or lowly than you ought. We are not dogs but children of the living God and co-heirs with Jesus Christ.

By seeing things the way the Father sees us, you start to kill the monsters of religion, negativity and false expectation and you start to build:
Emotional strength, your spirit, obedience, health, walk, your testimony.

Time for new testimonies.

The dance of David for the ark has been brought back.

The song of Miriam: The horse and rider have been thrown into the sea, enemy defeated.

Elizabeth: Luke 1:45 *Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said will be accomplished.*

As Bob Dylan once sang, "The times they are a changing..."

What has the Father shown us in the Spirit.

The window of heaven is open above the Dream Centre, revelation, wisdom, strength, healing, salvation, governance, filling, hope and a future. That window has also opened over you as individuals and families.

The ability to grow, expand, break limitations in your walk, prayer, revelation and understanding
your families and work places, your business.

What do I need to do to have my portion?

Love God, be born again.

Build Him a house, be actively connected to the house – submit your gifts and talents to the King. Like the colt for Jesus, the King has need of it.

Build Him an altar, have a strong prayer and word life.

Bring your tithe; in robbing God you only rob yourself.

Conclusion: The heavens are open, Father doesn't just want you to witness what he is doing, but co-labour with Him and allow the Holy Spirit to shape and sharpen you, so that you can see what He sees, you won't be left in the dark. Even when the storms of life come, you can sleep in the boat, because you know that the Father has plans and that you are needed on the other side.