

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddy Dickinson

Opening Prayer: David Key

On the Table: Head - Charles Berryhill
Servers - Ralph Burleson
Gary Addison
Josh Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Michelle Lowery

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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***Do Not Let Your
Eyes Fool You***



***The
Brilliant
Beacon***



The Lust Of The Eyes

By Sam Willcut

The student of the Bible understands that one way our adversary, Satan, allures us is through the lust of the eyes: “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world” (1 John 2:16). He did so through the appeal concerning the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil—“it was pleasant to the eyes” (Gen. 3:6), and he continues to do so today.

The eyes of humanity have certainly gotten us into much trouble. In the antediluvian world, the Bible records, “...the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose” (Gen. 6:2). Certainly, this was directly related to the fact that “God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Gen. 6:5). Thus, note the difference in what these men saw and what God saw. Praise God that he was able to see integrity and faithfulness in Noah (Gen. 6:9).

Many individuals in the Bible point out the correlation of our eyes to temptation. In Joshua 7, Achan disobeyed God in stealing things that God specifically announced through Joshua were devoted. His single wicked act was directly responsible for the defeat of Israel at the hands of the citizens of Ai, resulting in the loss of thirty-six men (Josh. 7:5). This disturbs Joshua greatly, and he begins searching throughout the Israelite camp for the one responsible. He whittles down his search through tribe, clan and family to the guilty party—Achan. Only after they discover him does he admit, “When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it” (Josh. 7:21).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Denise Kimbrell: still taking treatments and has been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis; please be praying that with med’s all of this can be controlled

Lellie Dickinson: is recovering from recent knee surgery, please pray that she will make a quick and full recovery

Barbara Wilkinson: is recovering from recent hernia surgery, please pray that she will make a full recovery and have not further trouble

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Carolyn Weatherly: is at home recovering from recent stroke, please keep her and Gary in your prayers

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

Don Lawrence: recovering from recent knee surgery, pray that he makes a full and quick recovery

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Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Marjorie Goodwin: is in the nursing home at Winfield for rehab, please continue to pray that she will continue to improve.

Jamie Long: his liver is failing him and he is on the list to receive a liver transplant, please be keeping him in your prayers

Frances Booth (Tanya’s Mother-In-Law): diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, please keep her and her family in your prayers

Laura Lara: has shingles, please pray that she will quickly get better

Bobby Sanderson: still having problems from the flu, please pray that he will quickly get better

Upcoming Events

Today Nursing Home 2:00 pm

Feb. 18th Bible Bowl (Here) 2:00 pm

- Please help with bringing snacks and drinks for the Bible Bowl -

Please note the progression of sin—he saw, he coveted, he took and he hid. In other words, it all began with the lust of his eyes. Can we not see this same digression within David concerning his sin with Bathsheba? It all began when “David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king’s house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon” (2 Sam. 11:2). He saw Bathsheba, coveted Bathsheba, took Bathsheba and then tried to hide his sin with Bathsheba—it all began with a lustful look!

Through such, the temptation and allurements of the lust of the eyes is not unique, but is quite common from one generation to the next. It may be the “goodly Babylonish garment” and money that Achan saw or it may be the bathing beautiful woman that David saw. It may be seeing an opportunity to steal the coveted blouse at Wal-Mart or it may be seeing pornography on an isolated computer screen (cf. Matt. 5:28). It may be seeing an opportunity to illegally trade on Wall Street or it may be seeing an opportunity to cheat the IRS on our taxes. It is all the same!

In conclusion, rather than utilizing our eyes to see that which we ought not to view/look, we ought rather to do as Job stated: “I made a covenant with mine eyes...” (Job 31:1). Everyone ought to make a covenant with their eyes against that which is lustful. Rather than using our eyes to see that which is lustful, we ought to use our eyes to see that way of escape from this dangerous mode of temptation: “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (1 Cor. 10:13). Let us train our eyes to look for the way out!

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Eyes of Faith Looking Outward

By Dan Jenkins

When one reads Paul’s letter to Colosse in the King James or the New King James translations of the Bible, he finds a word not commonly used. Paul urged those saints to live holy lives by saying, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise” (Eph. 5:15). The English word “circumspectly” is a compound word with the first part being found in words like “circle” or “circumference.” The second part of the word is used in the word “inspect.” Paul was urging the Christians to be careful how they walked by always looking around them. Christians must use the eyes of faith to look outward.

Christians, look around you to see people. This is precisely what Jesus did. He was constantly aware of those around Him and the needs each of them had. He saw the woman taken in the act of adultery with eyes so different from those who so harshly judged her (John 8:3-7). He saw the grieving widow of Nain who was on her way to bury her only son (Luke 7:11-16). He saw little children whom others thought should not “bother” Jesus, and He strongly rebuked the way they looked at children (Mark 10:13-16). As you walk, make sure to see the people around you.

Christians, look around you to see lost souls. Jesus’ disciples returned from Sychar, a city of Samaria, and found Jesus at the well where He had taught the Samaritan woman. Most Jews had strong racial prejudice toward Samaritans but not Jesus. The woman did not stay at the well for she returned to her city to tell them about the Messiah. They were coming out to meet Jesus when our Lord said to His disciples, “Lift up your eyes and look at the fields for they are already white for harvest” (John 4:35). The disciples had just been in the city but saw no souls, only food. As you walk, make sure you lift up your eyes to fields ready for harvesting!

Christians, look around you for struggling brethren who need you. The church at Corinth had dealt with the brother who had taken his father’s wife. They had come together and publicly given him back to Satan (1 Cor. 5:1-7). Their actions had caused the man to repent, but the church needed instructions about how to treat this brother who obviously was struggling so much. Paul writes a second letter to them and talks about Satan’s devises. Christians need to look around and see how Satan is working, particularly with weak brothers. How should we treat them? Paul says forgive them, comfort them and help them overcome their sorrow.

Fellow Christians, look upward to see all that is there, but never forget to look around you. The treasures await us, but to attain them, we must look around us!

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