

## THE OPENING OF BLIND EYES

(Luke 4:18 KJV) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

### 1. JESUS OPENED THE EYES OF THE BLIND.

#### 1. *The works of God.*

1. (Mat 12:22 KJV) Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.
2. (Mat 15:30 KJV) And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:
3. (Mat 15:31 KJV) Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

#### 2. *Go tell John.* (Luke 7:22 KJV) Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

#### 3. *Blind Barttmaeus.*

1. (Mark 10:47 KJV) And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. (Mark 10:48 KJV) And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.
2. Jesus calls for him.
  1. (Mark 10:50 KJV) And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.
  2. (Mark 10:51 KJV) And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.
  3. (Mark 10:52 KJV) And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

#### 4. *Man blind from birth.*

1. (John 9:6 KJV) When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, (John 9:7 KJV) And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.
2. (John 9:10 KJV) Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?
3. (John 9:11 KJV) He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made

clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

4. (John 9:12 KJV) Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.
5. (John 9:15 KJV) Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.
6. (John 9:21 KJV) But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.
7. (John 9:25 KJV) He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

## 2. OPENING OF SPIRITUALLY BLINDED EYES.

### 1. *The god of this world has blinded minds.*

1. (2 Cor 4:3 KJV) But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: (2 Cor 4:4 KJV) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
2. (2 Cor 4:6 KJV) For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### 2. *Blindness of heart.*

1. (Eph 4:17 KJV) This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,
2. (Eph 4:18 KJV) Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

### 3. *God's call to Paul.*

1. (Acts 26:16 KJV) But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;
2. (Acts 26:17 KJV) Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, (Acts 26:18 KJV) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

## 3. BLINDNESS IS DARKNESS OR IGNORANCE.

1. *Opened eyes.* (Luke 11:34 KJV) The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. (Luke 11:35 KJV) Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. (Luke 11:36 KJV) If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as

when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

2. **Why men choose to remain blind.** (John 3:19 KJV) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (John 3:20 KJV) For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. (John 3:21 KJV) But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.
3. **Don't have to remain blind.** (John 12:46 KJV) I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

#### 4. GOD'S REBUKE TO THE BLIND.

1. **Blind guides.**
  1. (Mat 23:24 KJV) Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.
  2. (Luke 6:39 KJV) And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?
2. **Hypocritical Pharisees.** (Mat 23:26 KJV) Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.
3. **Hating brother blinds eyes.** (1 John 2:11 KJV) But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.
4. **No fellowship with darkness.** (Eph 5:11 KJV) And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
5. **Lack is blindness.**
  1. (2 Pet 1:4 KJV) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
  2. (2 Pet 1:5 KJV) And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; (2 Pet 1:6 KJV) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; (2 Pet 1:7 KJV) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
  3. (2 Pet 1:8 KJV) For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
  4. (2 Pet 1:9 KJV) But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
6. **Wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.** (Rev 3:17 KJV) Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: (Rev 3:18 KJV) I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

5. GOD'S HEALING AND DELIVERING POWER.

1. ***Called out of darkness.***

1. (2 Cor 4:6 KJV) For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
2. (Col 1:12 KJV) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (Col 1:13 KJV) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
3. (1 Pet 2:9 KJV) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

2. ***Walk as children of light.*** (Eph 5:8 KJV) For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: