

Open My Eyes



I Kings 6: 15 - 18

Introduction

- Christ, on many occasions, stated that we “Have eyes and cannot not see
And ears that cannot hear”
- Ex. Cannot see the forest for the trees.
- Because of the mind, we cannot oftentimes overlook the obvious.
- Our state of mind sometimes blinds us to truth.
- We often struggle when help and safety are so close in our lives.

Introduction

- Elisha and his servant found themselves surrounded by the Syrian army.
- Elisa's servant was worried BUT Elisha was not!
- Elisha knew that God was with him.
- He prayed for his servant's eyes to be opened.
- When his spiritual eyes were opened, he saw the real picture!!!
- He was then able to see the army of the Lord surrounding the Syrians!!

Spiritual Sight

- We all need to use our spiritual sight to please God.
- II Cor. 5:7 “We walk by faith, not by sight.”
- There are things we cannot see unless we look through our spiritual eyes.
- Heb. 11: 13,14. The patriarchs had this faith.
- They looked, saw, and walked by faith!!
- We need to pray that the Lord open our spiritual eyes to:

Spiritual Needs

- **1. Our/My Spiritual Needs.**
- We all have a sin problem (I John 1: 8,10).
- As a result of sin, we struggle to maintain fellowship with God.
- I John 1:7.
- It is our effort to walk in the Light that maintains our fellowship with God.
- We must open our eyes to see this need of fellowship with God.

Spiritual Needs

2. Our Spiritual Needs come from our Spiritual Nature.

- Gen. 1:27. We are all made in the image of God.
- Our spiritual nature is our soul.
- Our flesh is our physical nature.
- The one that we feed is the one that grows within us!!
- We must obey the Gospel to become spiritually alive and awakened!!

Spiritual Needs

3. Spiritual Growth is not an option.

- II Peter 3:18 commands that we grow spiritually.
- Eph.4:15. We need to grow in all spiritual areas of our life.
- We need to feed our souls on spiritual milk and meat (I Peter 2:2)
- Our spiritual need is filled by the Word of God.
- II Tim. 3:16-17. The Word furnishes us to every good work.

The Lost Souls of Men

4. Lord open our to the see the Lost Souls of Men.

- Those outside of Christ are all in sin.
- It does not matter how good and nice they are.
- Sin has prevented them from having fellowship with God.
- Their very souls are in jeopardy.
- Isaiah 59:1,2.
- I Thess. 1:8,9.

Lost Souls of Men

5. Their only Hope is God's Message of Truth.

- This world cannot save them (Matt. 16: 24-26.)
- It is God's truth that set men free.
- John 8:31, 32.
- Isaiah 64:6. Man's righteousness is as filthy rags!!!
- The souls of friends, family, and neighbors are in jeopardy!!

Souls of Men

6. We have an Obligation to Teach and Preach the Gospel.

- This is for all Christians.
- Matt. 28: 18-20., Mark 16:15,16.
- Acts 8:4. They went everywhere preaching the Gospel.
- I Tim. 3: 15. The church is the pillar and ground of truth.
- We need to open our eyes to see the need for outreach and evangelism.

The Growth of the Church

7. Our Eyes need to open to the Growth of the Church.

- What is our vision for the church?
- Do we see Albemarle with more members or less?
- Do we see ourselves involved in growing the church?
- Where do we see the church going?
- Are we going there with the church?
- Do our lives,resources, talents contribute to the growth of the church/

Growth of the Church

8. God expects His Church to Grow.

- Act 1:8. The apostles were to carry the message to Judea, Samaria, Jerusalem, and the whole world.
- This was not an option for them, and neither for us.
- They went everywhere and used everything in order to grow.
- The church's number 1 mission; "TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST."

Growth of the Church

9. Do we see Ourselves as Vital to Church Growth?

- Hebrews 5:12.
- We ALL need to develop our abilities to teach others.
- Disciples are only made by teaching (Matt. 28:18-20)
- We also need to be living examples of the Gospel (Phil. 3:17)
- We need to open our eyes to the fact that God wants us to teach His Word to everyone!

Conclusion

- Like Elisha, let us pray that our eyes become open to see that God is there.
- We need to see that God will bless our efforts to reach and teach the lost.
- We need open our eyes to the depraved state of man without God.
- We need to open our eyes to see that we all have a part in this effort.
- We need to see that we still all have a sin problem.
- We need to see that Christ commanded that we preach the gospel to Every creature and make disciples of men.