

A Single Eye (â€œLooking unto Jesus.â€• The eye is faith, and the light is His presence.)

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Selected Verses:

Matthew 6:22-23. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Hebrews 12:2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Opening:

Here is something that is in my soul: the word of Jesus when He says, â€œHow great is that darkness!â€• Did you ever see darkness? Now tell me, did you ever see darkness? One time I went through Carlsbad Caverns, and thatâ€™s a very deep cavern and is many, many miles long. And one time the guide said, â€œNow, Iâ€™m going to let you see total darkness.â€• He says, â€œYou never saw total darkness, but today, youâ€™re going to have a treat: youâ€™re going to know what total darkness is like. Iâ€™m going to turn off the lights for just a few seconds.â€• So he turned off the lights, and it wasnâ€™t total darkness. There was a female moron that had her cigarette lit. But Iâ€™ve seen total darkness in the tunnels in Switzerlandâ€™total darkness, when there isnâ€™t a spark of light.

And Jesus says, â€œHow great is that darkness.â€• And Heâ€™s talking about our hearts. Weâ€™ve heard much about our hearts. How little attention we pay to the words of Jesus Christ! He says itâ€™s either that â€œyour body is full of light,â€• or â€œgreat is that darkness.â€• And it all depends upon one thing. It all depends upon diligently hearkening to the voice of the Lord.

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Selected Quotes:

Now, Jesus Christ says that you and I have an eye. If weâ€™re children of God, our eyes have been opened to see something that the whole world doesnâ€™t seeâ€™is not possible for them to see. Thatâ€™s why â€œgreat is the darknessâ€• in the world. â€œThe god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not.â€• Oh, thatâ€™s the eye. Somebody said, â€œHow do you look at Jesus?â€• Well, if you donâ€™t know, youâ€™ll never find out. Itâ€™s the eye of faith!

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Praise God! â€œYour whole body full of lightâ€•! What is that light? Why, itâ€™s the presence of God. â€œIn Thy presence is fullness of joy.â€• â€œI have set the Lord always before me. He is at my right hand. I shall not be moved.â€• Do you dare go through this life without having your eye trained on Jesus Christ?

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When God commands you to â€œpray without ceasing,â€• He commands you not to consider the devil nor his works, but to consider Jesus Christ, praise God! He doesnâ€™t even tell you to consider your faith. Do you know lots of people are defeated because they consider their faith? They advertise their faith until itâ€™s all blown away. He says, â€œConsider Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith.â€• Heâ€™ll take care of your faith.

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God says, â€œHe that raised Jesus from the dead dwells within you.â€• Shall I consider Him, or shall I consider the devil? Jesus said, â€œThough he were dead, yet shall he live. I am resurrection. I am life.â€• How do I dare dishonor my God and not look at Him and consider Him and be filled with light?

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When the devil came along with his false theology, Jesus said, â€œIt is written. It is written! How shall the scriptures be fulfilled? All things that were written in Moses and in the Prophets and in the Psalms concerning Me had to be fulfilled.â€• Beloved, they have to be fulfilled in me too. Godâ€™s written your biography in the Bible. God says, â€œIâ€™ll never leave you nor forsake you,â€• praise God! Jesus Christ said, â€œAll power

is mine in heaven and in earth, and I am with you always.â€• And yet, many times we act as if, â€œWell, just now He isnâ€™t with us. Just now we canâ€™t use Him. Just nowâ€•

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Illustrations:

Christ dishonored by Christians who sorrow as those without hope. â€œSomebody said to me, â€œWhen somebody dies, you Christians believe they went to heaven. Why do you howl like you do?â€• (from 3:32)

A church tower that pierced the London fog and received sunlight. (from 5:41)

A man captured by Indians gets a sight of his deliverance. (from 9:04)

The story of the 1918 influenza pandemic. â€œI didnâ€™t know too much about divine healing, but there was a Pentecostal brother in Camp Grant. When I began to spit blood and told him, he said, â€œDonâ€™t you mind! Jesus is here!â€• (from 20:13)

German at 30:08:

Die Anfechtung lehrt aufs Wort merken â€• Temptation teaches to adhere to scripture.

This is Martin Lutherâ€™s translation of Isaiah 28:19, which became a well-known expression among Christians. A modern translation of this section of the verse reads, â€œDann wird es lauter Schrecken sein, die Botschaft verstÃ¤ndlich zu machen.â€• The King James Version reads, â€œand it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.â€•