



I Want to See You # 2

Hello everybody. Welcome to “Notes from the Presence.” This is the second in a series of short articles I am posting on the seeing realm. There will be 9 of them in total – it is the story of my journey into that realm. In this article, we will be talking about the different sets of eyes that we have and how each one sees into a different realm.

I have come to believe that we have at least three sets of eyes; and I am not just talking here about an observant mother who seems to have eyes on the back of her head. I am talking about the eyes of the three parts of our being: our spirit, soul, and body.

Nobody will disagree that we have eyes in our earthly bodies. They are set quite conveniently on our upper face, giving us a three-dimensional view of our natural world that defies description. I have a niece who has just completed her eighth year of optometry school, studying to become an eye doctor. It is interesting to me how our eyes are so complex a person can study for almost a decade in order to learn how they work. The gift of sight is truly a wonder given to us by God. For this reason, Jesus many times restored physical sight to those who were blind.

The second pair of eyes we have are the eyes of our soul. For the most part I would classify this as imagination. Have you ever heard of the phrase "daydreaming?" If we close our natural eyes (or sometimes even with them wide open) an entire, fantastic world opens up in our mind. Some people have imaginations that are so well-developed, they can almost see better in the world of thought than they can in the physical realm. The mind is like a picture screen. We can bring up images and scenarios onto this screen with stunning accuracy. Studies have shown that in many cases, the imaging system of our mind is so vivid our body cannot tell the difference between a scenario played out in our mind, or in the natural world. We will react with the same fear, surprise, or emotion in either case. This imaginary set of eyes is powerful. It can be used effectively for both positive and negative impact.

The next set of eyes, are the eyes of our heart. Some claim that these eyes are one and the same as our imagination. I would tend to disagree here although the eyes of our heart definitely interact with our imagination. There is a very real and distinct spirit world that surrounds us at all times. There are beings present representing both good and evil, objects, scenarios, sounds, odors, and emotions. Every person alive has been created with an inner link to this world. Because we are a spirit being, I believe we can also see into this realm. In fact, I am of the opinion that all 5 senses that we have are represented in this realm. Some of us are better at it than others, and there are those who have a prophetic nature that seem to integrate naturally into this realm. However, each one of us has been created a spirit, and thus with a bit of practice, we can become spirit-realm aware. That being said, there are few that believe they can see into this sphere and those that do, are often viewed as a being pretty strange. Sometimes the world of the spirit is seen in dreams, visions, and other revelations but it can also be as natural as the person next to you. Often times, the window into the spirit realm is projected and played on the screen of our imagination, giving our mental imaging system a double purpose. The veil between these two realms can be very thin, especially in the Presence of God.

With these thoughts in mind, let me quote the words of a rather famous worship song to you:

*Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You
I want to see You*

I have always wondered why we choose to sing such songs. There are many of them. Upon reflection, I believe it is because each one of us has a deep, suppressed desire in our heart to see the Lord. This desire manifests itself in many ways such as the song lyrics we have just read. However, have you ever thought what would happen if a congregation singing this song suddenly had their spiritual eyes opened to this realm? My guess would be: it would freak everybody out to the point of hysteria. We have become accustomed to singing nice words, and talking about things like “seeing the Lord” without ever thinking it could really happen. It is almost as if a wholesale desensitization has happened in the body of Christ in this regard. In fact, my sense is that most Christians don't believe this kind of experience is for today, and they wouldn't want it to happen to them. The question I leave you with today is: then why do we sing?

Join me again next time. I will be talking about one of my favorite subjects: worship, and how it interacts with the seeing realm.

Thanks for reading. Jesus is real and He is worthy of all worship!