

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Deut 15:9 (ESV) *Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, 'The seventh year, the year of release is near,' and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin.*

Matt 6:22 (ESV) *The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, (sincere or generous...a good eye) your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!*

Acts 3:1 (NIV) *One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.*

² *Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.*

⁴ *Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."*

⁷ *Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.*

⁹ *When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. ¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.*

Isaiah 35:6 (NIV) *Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.*

¹² *When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"*

1). God breaks into our lives and reveals His love to us.

¹³ *The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus.*

2). God tells us the truth about ourselves.

*You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. **We** are witnesses of this.*

3). God offers us grace.

¹⁶ *By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.*

4). The Gospel Demands a Response

¹⁷ *"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.*

Isaiah 50:6 (NIV) *I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard*

Psalms 22:1 (NIV) *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?*

Isaiah 53:5 (NIV) *But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities*

¹⁹ *Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord*