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— WAS —
BLIND
— BUT NOW I —
SEE

John 9:1-41

OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

A WALK-THROUGH JOHN 9 - JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

BY. PS JESWIN MATHEWS

God sees our situation & is ready to help us: In John 9 verse 1-3, as Jesus went along he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Jesus, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?". Jesus replied, "This happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life".

And then, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with his saliva and applied on his eyes. He was then asked by Jesus to get his eyes washed in the pool of Siloam. The blind man followed the instruction that was given to him & his eyes were opened. The eyes of our heart or our spiritual eyes needs to be opened.

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OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

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Many changes occur in the way we perceive others or even this world.

a) We realize that we were blind before.

We recognize that we have a God, and as a result we become less judgmental & more empathetic. Hebrews 4:13, 'Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered & laid bare before Him to whom we must give account'. 1 Peter 3: 12 says, 'For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer'.

b) We need to have our spiritual eyes opened to understand what we hear.

Once we understand the truth, we will start obeying His commandments leading to spiritual growth and maturity.

c) Sin will blind our spiritual eyes.

Romans 11: 7, 8 talks about the hardened Israelites. Verse 8 says 'God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see & ears so that they could not hear'. Adam's physical eyes were opened to see the forbidden fruit, but his spiritual eyes were closed. 1 John 2:10, 11, 'Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness & walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him'.

d) What should be the prayer of a believer whose spiritual eyes had been opened?

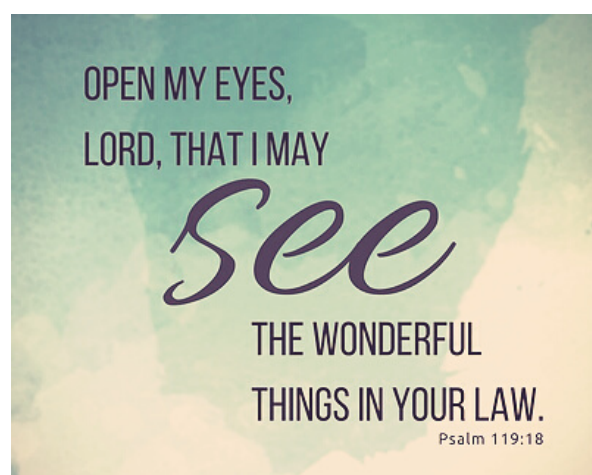
"Lord, open my spiritual eyes fully, there's much more to be opened Lord.' Psalms 119: 18, 'Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law'. 2 Kings 6: 17, 'And Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes so he may see". Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes & the young man saw the hills full of horses & chariots of fire all around Elisha.'

Genesis 21: 8-20, Hagar & Ishmael were in the desert of Beersheba. They ran short of water and she placed the boy under one of the bushes as she could not watch him die. Hagar began to sob, and God heard the boy crying. Then God opened her eyes & she saw a well of water. Hagar gave Ishmael a drink that quenched his thirst.

e) It is our responsibility to facilitate / help friends & families so that their spiritual eyes are opened.

Acts 26:18, "I am sending you to them to open their eyes & turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins & a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me".

Let us pray that our spiritual eyes are completely opened, so that we have a full view of all that the Lord has prepared and planned for us to reach my God given calling. Amen. - Ps. Jeswin Mathews -



"I often wonder if God, in his sovereignty, allows the eyesight of the aged to cast a dim view of the here and now so that we may focus our spiritual eyes on the ever after" - Billy Graham

Danger of Materialism and Unresponsiveness

BY BRO. SIEGEL SIMON

In 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Paul paints a prophetic picture of the major moral character transformations that the human race will undergo at the end of this age.

BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days dangerous times of great **STRESS** and **TROUBLE** will come. (Difficult days that are hard to bear) : For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they denied its power. Avoid such people and keep far away from them. (Old AMPC classic edition)



Paul the apostle lists twenty one significant moral blemishes that will disfigure the image of God (Character of God) in these end times we live in. The first two in the list are "lovers of self" and "lovers of money". The last in the list is "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God". Through the insight and spiritual wisdom the Holy Spirit, Paul has portrayed the major marks of the current generation: "lovers of self", "lovers of money", "lovers of pleasure".

There are sixteen additional signs of moral decay in between these two, all of which have become more confrontational and widespread in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries than at any other time in world history. The most difficult part of this scenario, however, is that outward godliness still exists despite the fact that morality has fallen everywhere. After listing these sixteen moral failings, Paul continues, "... having a form of godliness, but denying its power."

In other words, those responsible for these moral sins are not atheists. They practise a religion in the name of godliness, but the Holy Spirit cannot be present or exercise his authority there. As a consequence, there is no spiritual sensitivity, no understanding of fundamental spiritual truths, and no conviction of sin, righteousness, or judgement.

Jesus Christ the son of the living God warns us in Luke 17: 28, 29: It was the same as it is in the days of Lot. People were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building but on the day that lot left Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Everything that our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ mentions here is part of our day today activities. In simple words, people were carrying on business as usual without regard for their sins until the judgement day came. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 1 Peter 4:17

We eat, drink, plant, buy and sell as our God Jesus Christ says in this world. The Holy Spirit is asking: where is our heart? Have we lost our heart to the materialism of this world? Are we living in a world of selfies? Do we deserve praise from people rather than our heavenly father? Do we pray before we start our day? Are we thankful and grateful to God? Mathew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.

Examination and Soul searching

This means that preaching the truth without the help of the Holy Spirit is a completely pointless goal. It is presenting a remedy to people who have no consciousness of a need; a cure to people who have no consciousness of being sick. Jeremiah the weeping prophet prophesied in 627 BC "They did not even know how to blush " Jeremiah 6:15. Since, they have lost their senses and they continue in their old sins. We need to preach the truth in love, with the power of the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.

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DANGER OF MATERIALISM AND UNRESPONSIVENESS

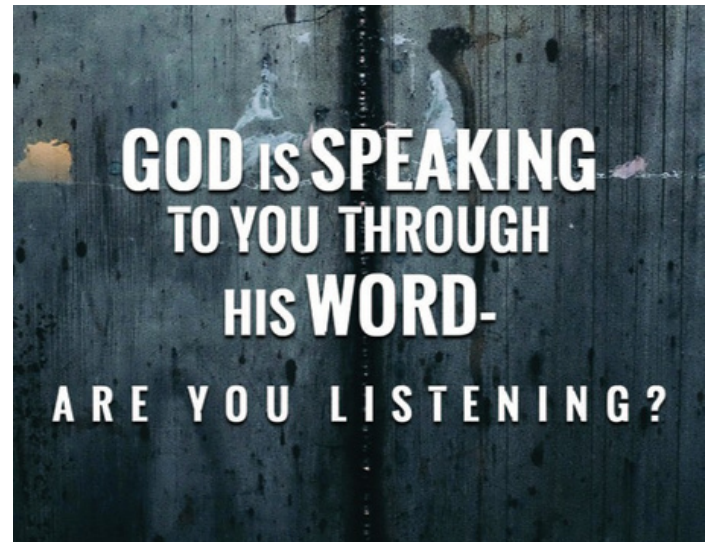
BY BRO. SIEGEL SIMON CONTD.

"We always need to examine ourselves whether we live a carefree life like the church of Ephesus in 1 Corinthians 15:32"

"Let us eat and drink ,
For tomorrow we die."

The church of Ephesus lost its first love for God and as a result the Church of Ephesus lost the Holy Spirit. Rev 2;4,5. Let us not grieve the Holy Spirit but walk in obedience to the Holy Spirit through constant prayer, worshiping and meditating God's word.

In conclusion, The only power that can break down this barrier of materialism is the power of the Holy Spirit. "When He [the Holy Spirit] has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement" (John 16:8).



Father in heaven, I beg you to help me understand that eternal, life-giving gospel of salvation from sin, righteousness, and judgement more fully so that we may constantly find refuge in the grace that Jesus has brought. Amen. - Bro. Siegel Simon -

Friday Fellowships for Mar - Apr

<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>
03/03/2023 SEEJO & MERLIN UNIT 24/22 COLA CRES, WYNNUM WEST, QLD 4178	07/04/2023 SHYAM & SHEENA 5 BLUEBELL PL, CALAMVALE, QLD 4116
10/03/2023 SIEGEL & BLESSY LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED	14/04/2023 TIMMY & JISHA 15 BEHAN CRES, WAKERLEY QLD 4154
17/03/2023 FASTING PRAYER	21/04/2023 VINU & SUNU LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED
24/03/2023 FASTING PRAYER	28/04/2023 MEN'S & WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

GROW STRONGER BY RESISTING TEMPTATIONS

BY JITHU

As a young person growing in today's world, the temptations that we face today are different than what our parents faced during their childhood. Well, we have a lot more things than they did which makes it far easier for us to deviate from the right path.

Our parents know from experience that, how real and serious these temptations are going to be for any child that grows up in our day. But many times, even after all the advice we get, we tend to go off track. How? Why?

All I can think is a monumental decision making that takes place when choosing our friends.

Our friends play a vital role in majority of our decisions, be in spiritual or any other matter. When I was young, my father always used to tell me to "Choose your friends wisely."

Friends, especially in your youth, have a more powerful influence over you than anything else. To avoid all of that together, the key is discern how to choose your friends.

As a Christian, you should not live your life feeling guilty because your friends told you to do something or showed you something that you were tempted to do.

The temptation to sin is something all of us face as Christians, no matter how long we've been following Christ. But there are practical things we can do to grow stronger and smarter in our struggle against sin. ***Overcoming temptation can be accomplished by sticking to five biblical practices.***

1. Recognize Your Tendency to Sin

James 1:14 explains that we are tempted when we become enticed by our own natural desires. The first step toward overcoming temptation is to recognize the human tendency to be seduced by our own fleshly cravings. The temptation to sin is a given, so don't be surprised by it. Expect to be tempted daily, and be prepared for it. The apostle Peter reminds us to stay on the lookout:

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8, NIV)

2. Flee From Temptation

When you come face to face with temptation, look for the way out—the way of escape—that God has promised. Flee. Run as fast as you can.

But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.

3. Resist Temptation With the Word of Truth

Jesus overcame the devil's temptations in the wilderness with the Word of God. If it worked for him, it will work for us. And because Jesus was fully human, he is able to identify with our struggles and give us the exact help we need for overcoming temptation. While it can be helpful to read God's Word when you're being tempted, sometimes that's not practical.



Even better is to practice reading the Bible daily so that eventually you have so much of it on the inside, you are ready whenever temptation strikes.

If you are reading the Bible regularly, you will have the full counsel of God at your disposal. You will start to have the mind of Christ. When temptation comes knocking on your door, all you'll have to do is draw your weapon, aim, and fire.

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Hebrews 4:12 says that God's Word is living, active, and powerful. Did you know you can carry a weapon that will make your thoughts obey Jesus Christ?

According to Ephesians 6:17, one of our **weapons is the Word of God**: The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

4. Refocus Your Mind and Heart With Praise

How often have you been tempted to sin when your whole heart was fully concentrated on worshipping the Lord? I'm guessing your answer is never. Praising God takes our focus off of self and puts it on God. You may not be strong enough to resist temptation on your own, but as you focus on God,

he will inhabit your praises. He will give you the strength to resist and walk away from the temptation.

5. Repent Quickly When You Fail

Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! (Psalm 147:1) Having a more realistic view—knowing that at times you will fail—should help you to repent quickly when you do. Failing is not the end of the world, but it is dangerous to persist in your sin.

In several places, the Bible tells us the best way to resist and overcome temptation is to flee from it (1 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Corinthians 10:14; 1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22). Even still, we fall from time to time. When we fail to flee temptation, eventually we will give in and fall.

Going back to the book of James, verse 1:15 explains that sin "when it is full-grown, gives birth to death." Continuing or persisting in sin leads to spiritual death, and often even physical death. That is why it's best to repent quickly when you know you've fallen into sin. Amen. - Jithu -

Fasting Prayer 2023 Roster

Date	Day	Time	Location	Setup
13/03/2023	Mon	1030- 1300	Aby & Susan 1 chestnut place forest lake	Deepu & Syam
14/03/2023	Tue	1030- 1300	Anish & Siji 62 Petrie Crescent, Aspley QLD	Gibi & Santhosh
15/03/2023	Wed	1030- 1300	Anwersen & Remya 83 Gibraltar Cct, Parkinson QLD	Roy & Anwersen
16/03/2023	Thu	1030- 1300	Christy & Dijins 22 galaxy street bridgeman downs	Sam & Sajo
17/03/2023	Fri	1030- 1300	Dany & Breena 101/107 Stanley Street, Brendale	Seejo & Jeevan
18/03/2023	Sat	1030- 1300	Deepu & Jithu 43 Hill End Avenue, Hillcrest QLD	Bebin, Jeevan&Emn
19/03/2023	Sun	1900-2100	Emmanual & Anita 18 dandenong avenue redbank	
20/03/2023	Mon	1030- 1300	Jibi & Mary 20 McMillan Street, Drewvale	Danny & Anish
21/03/2023	Tue	1030- 1300	Jibin & Reena 47/81 Major Drive, Rochedale	Lijo & Timmy
22/03/2023	Wed	1030- 1300	Joby & Kunu unit 2/22 greenland street wishart QLD	Deepu & Syam
23/03/2023	Thu	1030- 1300	Lijo & Betty 41 Matthews Way Wakerley QLD 4154	Gibi & Santhosh
24/03/2023	Fri	1030- 1300	Roy & Bindu 15 Hattah Place, Parkinson QLD	Roy & Anwersen
25/03/2023	Sat	1030- 1300	Sajo & Aneesha 16 narooma street sunnybank	Sam, Sajo & Vinu
26/03/2023	Sun	1900-2100	Sam & Sharon U-55 107 kittyhawk drive chermside	
27/03/2023	Mon	1030- 1300	Santhosh & Nissy 11 Columbus Cct, Drewvale QLD	Seejo & Jeevan
28/03/2023	Tue	1030- 1300	Seejo & Merlin 24/22 Cola Crescent, Wynnum West	Bebin, Jeevan
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30/03/2023	Thu	1030- 1300	Shyam & Sheena 5 Bluebell place Calamvale QLD	Lijo & Timmy
31/03/2023	Fri	1030- 1300	Timmy & Jisha 15 Behan Crescent, Wakerley QLD	Deepu & Syam
1/04/2023	Sat	1030- 1300	Vinu & Sunu 68 Venture Drive, Griffin QLD	Gibi, Santhosh&Emn
2/04/2023	Sun	0900-1300	Sunday worship	

READ 4 PASSAGES EACH DAY, STARTING WITH GENESIS, PSALMS,
MATHEW AND ACTS

March

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Ruth chooses to stay with Naomi

RUTH 1: 1-18 NKJV

- 7 DOWN "Ruth said: 'Entreat me not to leave you, or turn back from following after you; for _____ you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.' " **RUTH 1:16**
- 5 DOWN "A certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to sojourn in the country of _____, he and his wife and his two sons." **RUTH 1:1**
- 1 DOWN "Then Elimelech, Naomi's _____died; and she was left, and her two sons." **RUTH 1:3**
- 2 ACROSS "Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other _____. And they dwelt there about ten years." **RUTH 1:4**
- 8 ACROSS "Then both Mahlon and Chilion also _____; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband." **RUTH 1:5**
- 4 ACROSS "Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people in giving them _____. " **RUTH 1:6**
- 3 DOWN "But _____ said, 'Turn back my daughters; why will you go with me?' " **RUTH 1:11**
- 6 ACROSS "Ruth said: 'Entreat me not to leave you, or turn back from _____ after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.' " **RUTH 1:16**

