

THE MEANING OF SIGHT

In Scripture, eyes are more than physical organs—they are windows to life, light, and spiritual truth. In Hebrew, the word for eye also means spring of water, evoking the tears we shed and the depth of emotion and insight they carry.

From Elisha's healing touch to the psalmist's plea, "Light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death" (**Psalm 13:3**), sight is often linked to life itself. Idols may have eyes, but they cannot see—there is no life in them. Sight also represents understanding. In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve's eyes are opened to knowledge, while in Judges 21:25, chaos reigns as "everyone did what was right in their own eyes." Yet the psalmist prays, "Open my eyes, that I may see wonderful things" (**Psalm 119:18**), reminding us to seek God's perspective.

In John 9, Jesus heals a man born blind, who gradually comes to see—not just physically, but spiritually. He moves from calling Jesus "a man" to proclaiming him "the Son of Man." Meanwhile, the religious leaders, though sighted, are spiritually blind. Jesus invites us to believe without seeing: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (**John 20:29**). We are called to fix our eyes on Jesus, and through faith, receive spiritual sight.

The prophet Isaiah foretells a time when "the eyes of the blind will be opened" (**Isaiah 35:5**), and God promises to guide the blind, turning darkness into light (**Isaiah 42:16**). Jesus affirms this mission in **Luke 4:18**, declaring he was sent to bring sight to the blind and freedom to the oppressed.

This calling continues today. Ernst Christoffel, founder of Christian Blind Mission, lived with his eyes fixed on Jesus, transforming lives through compassion and faith. And St Teresa of Avila reminds us:

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours... yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion has to look upon the world."

Whether or not we have physical sight, we can pray for spiritual vision—to see God's work, understand his truth, and respond with love. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and reflect his compassion to a world in need.

Prayer –

Lord, open our eyes to see your truth, your beauty, and your presence. Give us eyes of compassion to look upon those in need. May we walk in your light, live by your love, and reflect your kingdom in all we do. Amen.

