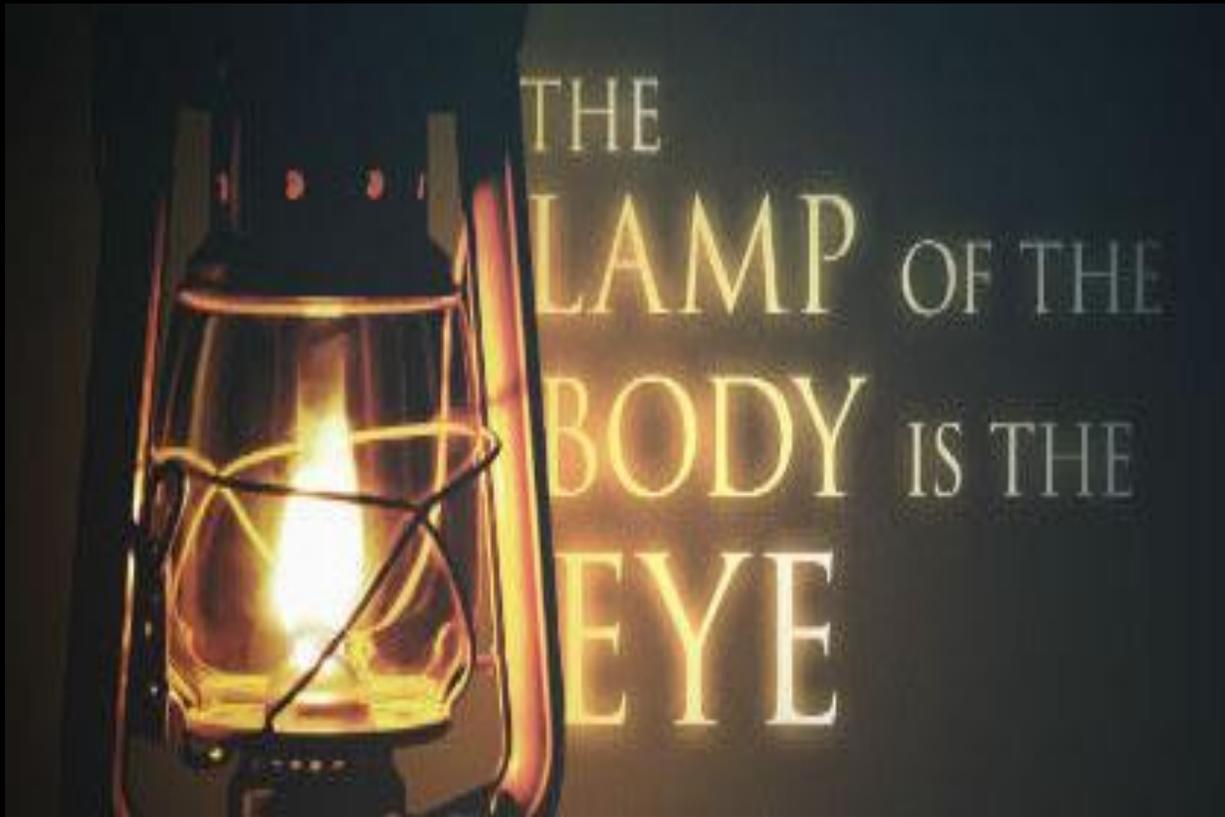


# THE EYE- AN ENTRANCE TO THE SOUL



The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is sound, your entire body will be full of light. But if your eye is unsound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the very light in you is darkness, how dense is that darkness! (Matt. 6:21-22)

In this teaching YAHSHUA covered several subjects including fasting, treasure and mammon. It is important to understand that the eye is the entrance to the soul. It is through the eyes that we perceive. When the treasures of this world are often desired and we lust after them, we will go a distance to acquire them. They become gods when our time is primarily spent seeking and obtaining them. The Christian people are not exempted from this and many have left the way for them. YAHSHUA said, Do not gather and heap up and store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust and worm consume and destroy, and where thieves break through and steal. But gather and heap up and store for

yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust nor worm consume and destroy, and where thieves do not break through and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be (Matt. 6:19-21). What was the meaning for our Lord YAHSHUA to connect the eye with earthly treasure, and what has one to do with the other?

Seeing is desiring, for one thing. Perceiving with an evil eye or evil conscience is as if one lived in physical darkness. YAHSHUA said, If your eye is unsound, your whole body will be full of darkness. For someone born blind, darkness is all he knows. However, that's not the darkness the Lord is speaking about. Remember the blind man of John nine. He seemly had more light than those who persistently questioned him: We know that God does not listen to sinners; but if anyone is god-fearing and a worshiper of Him and does His will, He listens to him. Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this Man were not from God, He would not be able to do anything like this (John 9:30-32). YAHSHUA summarized the point to the Pharisees saying, If you were blind you would have no sin; but because you now claim to have sight, your sin remain (vs. 41). We can perceive in this story that one can be blind, and still have a conscience that is sound. The eye of the soul is the conscience of men. It accuses when we are In the wrong, and forces us to turn around. But when one closes the ears to it, the conscience of men becomes darkness. YAHSHUA said, If the very light in you is darkened how dense is that darkness! The way we see, understand and interpret things, will show if we have light or darkness in ourselves. The Lord spoke to the Prophet Jeremiah and said, But your eyes and your heart are only for your covetousness and dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, for oppression and doing violence (Jer. 22: 17). Knowing what's right and not doing it is sin the Bible says. It is exactly what YAHSHUA was talking about. It is living in dense darkness voluntarily.

Never being satisfied with things, living to obtain earthly things is lust followed by idolatry. And that is enmity against the true God. The Apostle John said, for all that is in the world- the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance of one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things] –these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself] (I John 2: 16).The worship of money is the result of the lust of the eyes. It is never from God. The lust of the eyes has led many far away from Him. The heart is where the treasure is. YAHSHUA warned

us. He showed us that the covetous eye will guide to greed and that is interpreted as darkness of the conscience.

I perceive that YAHSHUA was talking about the spiritual faculty, our conscience and everything that involves it. Paul prayed for the Ephesians' *eyes of their hearts to be flooded with light, so that they could know and understand the hope to which He (God) has called them and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints* (Eph. 1:18). When our eye is clear to see God's spiritual gifts, we will understand and appreciate Him; we will desire heaven and the things pertaining to it, and not the world's stuff. When our eyes guide our heart toward heaven, the results will be spiritual enlightenment. Wisdom and understanding will be rewarded to us, as it was given the blind man who had never met YAHSHUA, but had a heart desiring to know Him.

Peter, who walked with YAHSHUA for three years, elaborated in his second letter the type of eye YAHSHUA was referring to. He said, *They have eyes full of harlotry, insatiable for sin. They beguile and bait and lure away unstable souls. Their hearts are trained in covetousness, children of a curse! Forsaking the straight road they have gone astray; they have followed the way of Balaam of Beor, who love the reward of wickedness ... These are springs without water and mists driven along before a tempest, for whom is reserved forever the gloom of darkness* (II Peter 2: 14-15, 17). The apostle Peter echoed the words of YAHSHUA, If your eye is unsound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the very light in you is darkness, how dense is that darkness! (Matt. 6:23).

The human eye is amazingly in many ways like a digital camera. It receives light and controls the amount of light, which adjusts to the pupil. In its complexity, we see the wisdom of God. What would the world be like without the eyes? No matter how beautiful He had created it. It would have been only for Him to enjoy it. But He formed our eyes among many things for the purpose for us to live a normal life, enjoying all He had created. Adam and Eve's eyes were perfect and pure inside and out. They looked around with the brilliance of light observing perfection in everything created. Their conscience enlightened their hearts with purity and beauty. God was welcomed in their midst in the cool of the day and they fellowshiped with Him, until the day when their eyes were opened for evil and lust embraced them. At that time, when they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, Adam and his wife hid

themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden (Gen. 3:8).

Hidden from the presence of God men have been since then. Their sinful nature no longer enjoys being in the presence of the holy God. It just makes them too uncomfortable. YAHSHUA however, came and removed that darkness from our conscience and gave us light, so that we can spiritually discern and understand His ways. The Patriarch Job, even in the midst of his ordeal, remained faithful to God. In one way was with his eyes. He said, *I dictated a covenant to my eyes; how then could I look upon a girl? For what portion should I have from God above, and what heritage from the Almighty on high? Does not calamity befall the unrighteous and disaster the workers of iniquity? If I have walked with falsehood or vanity, or if my foot has hastened to deceit- Oh, let me be weighed in in a just balance and let Him weigh me, that God may know my integrity!*

*If my step has turned out of [God's] way, and my heart has gone the way my eyes [covetously] invited, and if any spot has stained my hands with guilt then let me sow and let another eat; yes, let the produce of my field or my offspring be rooted out. If my heart has been deceived and I made a fool by a woman, or if I have [covetously] laid wait at my neighbor's door then let my wife grind for another, and let others bow down upon her (Job 31:1-10).*

The words spoken by Job were written, they were inscribed in the Bible as an answer to his prayer. They have served to encourage and teach us faithfulness to our Lord God for thousands of years. Here today, they teach us to guard our eyes from darkness, as the lamp of our body. YAHSHUA said, I am the light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is life (John 8:12). My friend, let His light shine in and through you and the darkness of your eye will be turned into light.

**THINK ABOUT IT!**