

**A Bible study on
Discernment #2
Eyes to See
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“There’s more to it than meets the eye”.

This phrase is the perfect description of discerning what we see.
Another way of putting it is having “Spiritual eyes” or “eyes of the Spirit”.

Remember that there are 2 kingdoms that we are influenced by- the kingdom of darkness and the Kingdom of Light or the Spirit. Colossians 1:13

The Apostle Paul reminds us that:

we walk by faith not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7
we have not received the spirit of the world 1 Corinthians 2:12-13
no eye has seen... but God has revealed it to us by the Spirit 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Let’s look closely what Paul said in Ephesians 1:18

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.”

Paul recognizes that not only do we have two eyeballs for vision, but we have the eyes of our heart. The eyes of our heart can be enlightened to see what our physical vision cannot.

Yet, we also realize that even our physical eyes can be touched to see more than what is apparent.

In 2 Kings 6:17 Elisha prayed for his servant who was freaking out because an army of enemies was surrounding the city in which he and Elisha were.

Elisha told the servant, “Those who are with us are more than those that are with them.” v. 16

Yet the servant didn’t see what on earth Elisha was walking about.

So, Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.”

And what follows is, “Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha.” v. 17

The servant needed to see more than this earth’s perspective, he needed his eyes touched to see with his spiritual eyes. There was definitely more to it than met his eye.

We are like that servant. As servants of the Lord, we can ask him to show us the spiritual realities. We can ask him to reveal the hidden agenda, and secret motives.

We can expect him to shine the light of revelation on the dark, sinister plots and plans, and we can expect him to grant insight for strategic victories.

We can expect to see more than the obvious, beyond the natural and into the spiritual realm.

Why? Because God desires to communicate with his sons and daughters. He is a Spirit and He wants to bring to Earth his spiritual kingdom and spiritual purpose, just as it is in heaven.

That is why we must learn to distinguish between natural and spiritual.

God moves in the natural world, no doubt. But He desires to extend His Spiritual Kingdom on Earth.

So, as He communicates with his children by means of those senses, He reveals His spiritual realm, spiritual powers, rulers and motivations in order to bring light and victory here on Earth.

The Word has these things to say about our spiritual eyes:

Matthew 6:23 – the eyes are the light of the body...if your eyes are unhealthy the whole body will be full of darkness.

1 Samuel 16:17 – don't look on the outward appearance, the Lord sees not as man...

Psalms 119:18 – open my eyes to behold wondrous things...

Mark 8:22-25 – Jesus touched his eyes...He put his hands on them and the man's eyes were opened and he saw clearly

2 Corinthians 4:18 – we fix our eyes on what is unseen – eternal...

1 Corinthians 2:14 – the person with the spirit makes judgments about all things...

As we develop discernment. Our desire is to have the eyes of our understanding opened. Whether that be the eyes of our heart or our physical eyes, we want to see into the spirit realm and understand in that realm what God is saying and doing.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word RAAH (H7200) which means "to see; observe, perceive, examine, discover" is translated "to see" over 1300 times. It means "to see" both literally and figuratively.

It refers to seeing what is obvious with one's own eyes, mentally recognizing when something is true or false, discerning by sight, experience and examination and being consciously aware of.

In fact the Old Testament uses it, and ends with this promise, in Malachi 3:18

"And you will again **see the distinction** between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not. "

Where the OT left off, the NT picks up. Jesus the light, entering the physical world to bring illumination, righteousness and a call to follow him as he follows his Father.

Jesus' coming allows us to see, examine, handle and experience the Kingdom of God, and live in the Spirit and not solely in the world.

As He touches our eyes to see spiritually, we will be spared deception, and deceit and even false prophets, teachers and powers. Colossians 2:8; 1 Timothy 4:1; Matthew 24:24

It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit on our eyes that teaches us about all things and reveals the counterfeit. I John 2:27

There are people, anointed by God who move in the Seer realm. They actually see images and pictures from God. 1 Samuel 9:9 They, in Old Testament time were sought after for direction and a word from the Lord.

Such were Asaph (2 Chronicles 29:20), Gad (2 Samuel 24:11), Elisha (2 Chronicles 16:7-10) and Jesus.

I believe God's word applies today too, and that there are those who move in the realm of the Seer. They move in the Prophetic with emphasis on seeing into the spiritual realm.

Yet, I also believe, seeing into the spiritual realm is the inheritance of every born- again believer. Walking in the Spirit is the call for every believer. Growing in the Spirit and bearing the fruit of the Spirit is a hallmark and sign of a maturing Christian.

Learning to exercise our senses and for today's emphasis, our spiritual eyesight, is a sign of maturity. What we are exercising with our senses is the ability to discern between good and evil, light and dark, right and wrong. Discerning between the Kingdom of Light and the kingdom of darkness. Let's ask the Lord to open our eyes, use our eyes and use us to reveal "more than meets the eye".

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for my vision. In whatever condition it is in, I yield it to you.
I ask for you to touch my eyes like you did that man who was blind.
Touch me and help me to see clearly, please Lord.
Touch the eyes of my heart, too.
Help me to understand the knowledge that you will reveal to me when I see with my spiritual eyes.
Open the eyes of my heart.
Help me to not see only the outward, but to see the heart, like you do.
And finally, Lord, help me to fix my eyes on you, so that all I see it illuminated by your light.

I believe Jesus, there is more to this world than meets the eye. Allow me to see it with my spiritual eyes.

In your wonderful name,
Amen

