

A Single Eye ('Looking Unto Jesus.' the Eye Is Faith, and the Light Is His presence.)

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of having a single eye of faith, focusing on Jesus Christ, and trusting in God's presence and promises to overcome temptation and darkness.

Scripture: Matthew 6:22

Topics: "Faith", "Focus on Jesus"

Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the significance of having a 'single eye' focused on Jesus, which represents faith and the light of His presence. He warns that if our focus is not on Christ, our hearts can be filled with darkness, leading to spiritual blindness. Waldvogel encourages believers to consider Jesus above all else, as He is the author and finisher of our faith, and reminds us that in His presence, we find true joy and light. The sermon challenges Christians to reflect on their faith and the importance of keeping their eyes trained on Jesus amidst life's distractions and trials.

Transcript

Selected Verses:

Matthew 6:22-23. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Hebrews 12:2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Opening:

Here is something that is in my soul: the word of Jesus when He says, "How great is that darkness!" Did you ever see darkness? Now tell me, did you ever see darkness? One time I went through Carlsbad Caverns, and that's a very deep cavern and is many, many miles long. And one time the guide said, "Now, I'm going to let you see total darkness." He says, "You never saw total darkness, but today, you're going to have a treat: you're going to know what total darkness is like. I'm going to turn off the lights for just a few seconds." So he turned off the lights, and it wasn't total darkness. There was a female moron that had her

cigarette lit. But I've seen total darkness in the tunnels in Switzerland--total darkness, when there isn't a spark of light.

And Jesus says, "How great is that darkness." And He's talking about our hearts. We've heard much about our hearts. How little attention we pay to the words of Jesus Christ! He says it's either that "your body is full of light," or "great is that darkness." And it all depends upon one thing. It all depends upon diligently hearkening to the voice of the Lord.

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Selected Quotes:

Now, Jesus Christ says that you and I have an eye. If we're children of God, our eyes have been opened to see something that the whole world doesn't see--is not possible for them to see. That's why "great is the darkness" in the world. "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not." Oh, that's the eye. Somebody said, "How do you look at Jesus?" Well, if you don't know, you'll never find out. It's the eye of faith!

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Praise God! "Your whole body full of light"! What is that light? Why, it's the presence of God. "In Thy presence is fullness of joy." "I have set the Lord always before me. He is at my right hand. I shall not be moved." Do you dare go through this life without having your eye trained on Jesus Christ?

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When God commands you to "pray without ceasing," He commands you not to consider the devil nor his works, but to consider Jesus Christ, praise God! He doesn't even tell you to consider your faith. Do you know lots of people are defeated because they consider their faith? They advertise their faith until it's all blown away. He says, "Consider Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith." He'll take care of your faith.

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God says, "He that raised Jesus from the dead dwells within you." Shall I consider Him, or shall I consider the devil? Jesus said, "Though he were dead, yet shall he live. I am resurrection. I am life." How do I dare dishonor my God and not look at Him and consider Him and be filled with light?

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When the devil came along with his false theology, Jesus said, "It is written. It is written! How shall the scriptures be fulfilled? All things that were written in Moses and in the Prophets and in the Psalms concerning Me had to be fulfilled." Beloved, they have to be fulfilled in me too. God's written your biography in the Bible. God says, "I'll never leave you nor forsake you," praise God! Jesus Christ said, "All power is mine in heaven and in earth, and I am with you always." And yet, many times we act as if, "Well, just now He isn't with us. Just now we can't use Him. Just now..."

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Illustrations:

Christ dishonored by Christians who sorrow as those without hope. "Somebody said to me, 'When somebody dies, you Christians believe they went to heaven. Why do you howl like you do?'" (from 3:32)

A church tower that pierced the London fog and received sunlight. (from 5:41)

A man captured by Indians gets a sight of his deliverance. (from 9:04)

The story of the 1918 influenza pandemic. "I didn't know too much about divine healing, but there was a Pentecostal brother in Camp Grant. When I began to spit blood and told him, he said, 'Don't you mind! Jesus is here!'" (from 20:13)

German at 30:08:

Die Anfechtung lehrt aufs Wort merken -- Temptation teaches to adhere to scripture.

This is Martin Luther's translation of Isaiah 28:19, which became a well-known expression among Christians. A modern translation of this section of the verse reads, "Dann wird es lauter Schrecken sein, die Botschaft verständlich zu machen." The King James Version reads, "...and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report."

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