



“For judgment I have come into this world,
that those who do not see may see, and
that those who see may be made blind”
(Jn. 5:10)

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

Part 2

RECAP

- **Causes of Spiritual Blindness**
 - Incorrect understanding of who God is and/or His message
 - Preconceived notions
 - Stubbornness
 - Lack of a spiritual guide or confession father
 - Untreated symptoms
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SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

- Denying Truth
 - Children of Israel
 - “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” (Jn. 3:19)
 - Balaam the Prophet



SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

- Hatred
 - Cain
- Hardness of heart
 - “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”
(Ezk. 36:26-27)



SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

- Doubt
 - The servant of Elisha
 - “Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”
(2 King 6:17)



SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

- Given into lust
 - “Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.” (Prov. 9:17)
- Samson
- Eve



SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

- Generally unhappy
 - “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes (Lk. 19:42)



SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

- Overly concerned with rituals at the expense of the spiritual meaning or message
 - “...for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” (2 Cor. 3:6)



TREATMENT

- Repentance
 - “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (Jn. 9:7)
- Put on the mind of Christ
 - “Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.” (Jn. 6:15)

TREATMENT

- Humility
 - “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.” (Jn. 9:24)
 - Prayer
 - “Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” (2 Kings 6:17)
 - Study scripture
 - “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Ps. 119:105)
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CONCLUDING PRAYER

“Consider and hear me, O Lord my God;
Enlighten my eyes,
Lest I sleep the sleep of death;
Lest my enemy say,
“I have prevailed against him.” (Ps. 13:3-4)
