

Spiritual Blindness & deafness Pt 2 – the remedy for blindness

This is our second study, in our previous teaching we established two points – (1) Physical blindness affects individuals that cannot see physical things, and (2) Spiritual blindness affects individuals who are lost, in part the nation of Israel, believers who lack charity and brotherly kindness, and those that hate their brother. In this study we also establish two points – (1) Jesus is the remedy for physical blindness, and (2) Jesus is God's remedy for spiritual blindness.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. Jesus opened the eyes of those who were physically blind.

"When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay" (Jn.9: 6).

2. Jesus is God's remedy for spiritual blindness.

i) Jesus came that they which are spiritually blind might see.

"And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see" (Jn.9: 39).

ii) The veil that blinds the mind of the Jew is done away in Christ.

"But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which...is done away in Christ" (2Cor 3:14).

iii) Christian blindness is done away when we follow Christ's example.

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak...For even Christ pleased not himself...For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning..." (Rom.15:1-4).

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life.

On Friday evening the Hari Krishna often dance and chant on Queen st. Last Friday they audaciously stopped right next to those handing out gospel tracts. Two brothers took to prayer and as soon as they said Amen the Hari Krishnas moved on.

Questions to think about.

i) What can **we** do for our families, for the Hari Krishna that has been blinded by the god of this world and believe not the gospel? And ii) what can **we** do when we sin and show not charity to our brother, and cannot see our sin?

Our answer from the scriptures.

i) We can use the weapons of our warfare that are "mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (2 Cor.10: 4), the barriers that the god of this world has put up over the minds and hearts of our family members that believe not (2 Cor.4: 4).

ii) When we sin, and show not charity to our brethren we can –

(a) Do likewise and use the weapons of our warfare beseeching the Lord to pull down the strongholds that we can see our sin – when we show not charity to our brother.

b) Do not lift up ourselves with pride, "neither give place to the devil" (Eph.3: 27), nor give "heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1Tim.4: 1). And "be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil...walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" 1Pet.5: 8).

Remember that Christ is the remedy for spiritual blindness to the lost and for the believer. Let us pray through Christ beseeching the Father to pull down the strongholds that blind the lost, and ourselves, that we may see what we cannot.