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SEEING THEY SEE NOT

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Ref. Jer. 5:21; Isa. 6:9-10; Ez. 12:2; Mt. 13:14; Jn. 12:40; Acts 28:26; Ro. 11:8

Can a blind man see? A logical, linear, secular, western mind-set, i.e. a Greek trained thinker, will automatically say “NO.” This man relies totally on his five senses to “see,” “hear,” “touch,” “taste,” and “smell.” Could Shaul (Paul) “see” after he was blinded on the road to Damascus? Because Shaul was a Pharisee, a Hebrew of Hebrews, he absolutely knew about the Messiah in the Scriptures. But he did not personally KNOW the Messiah **of the Scriptures!** He needed a three (3) day seminar with Yahshua and during his three days of blindness – NOT SEEING, he “saw” and “heard” Yahshua. After he “saw” and “heard,” what did he preach? “Immediately he preached the Messiah in the synagogues, that he is the Son of Elohim... proving that this is the Messiah.” (Acts 9:20 and 22) Even though Shaul’s physical eyes and natural mind were blinded, his spiritual mind and eyes could still “SEE.” How? By the power of Yahweh... the Spirit of Truth...Ruach HaKodesh. Shaul later told the Corinthians, “...the natural man receiveth not the thing of the Spirit of Elohim: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Cor. 2:14)

What did Elisha’s servant “see” in II Kings 6:15-17? At first...only the armies of the enemy. Then...Yahweh opened the eyes of the young man, and he “saw.” “...and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around about Elisha.” The army of Yahweh was greater...and more powerful...**and just as real...**as the physical armies! But it was revealed by the Spirit of Yahweh. So how do we “see?” By the work and will of Yahweh. We can only “see” correctly and more completely **IF** the Spirit shows us! Here is a point to meditate on: The Spirit of Yahweh is not a gift **FROM** Yahweh. That is to say, it is not a duplicate or copy **OF** the Spirit. It is the Spirit **OF** Yahweh...and the very same Spirit is placed within us **to reveal** the One True Elohim...and Who He is... and not just what He can do!

Prievously the nation of Israel had been looking

to see the Messiah come. But...”Seeing they did not See!” Jeremiah, Isaia, and Ezekiel all foretold this phenomena. For almost 1500 years they had heard about the Messiah in the Torah, through Moses, in the Psalms, and through the words of the prophets. So why couldn’t they “see?”

Seeing with our natural eyes does not necessarily reveal the truth. While the physical realm is tangible, it is temporary, but the spirit realm of Yahweh is eternal. (See: II Cor. 4:18) Remember that “Truth” is eternal...and eternal truth affects but cannot be affected. [Trivia: To “affect” is to influence. To “effect” is to cause] Yahshua said: “I am the Truth...” (Jn. 14:6) And we all desperately need to “see” the true Yahshua...but our natural eyes are not sufficient to get the job done! That is the same problem the Hebrews had. “Seeing” with their natural eyes and leaning on their own understanding, they tried to make Yahshua fit into their ideas of what and who He was; when they really needed to simply accept Him by faith regarding who and what He was! Just like we need to do today! So today we still find many people that “See...but do not See!”

Yahshua’s message was very simple and direct. Repent, for the kingdom of Yahweh/kingdom of heaven is at hand. Two thousand years ago the people wanted that kingdom right now. That was not the plan. First the sinless sacrifice for the sins of the whole world – Messiah Ben Joseph, was needed to provide the remedy (payment) for mankind’s disobedience, unbelief, unrighteousness, wickedness, i.e. their sins. The kingdom of Yahweh is not going to be filled with sinners. It is a place prepared for those made righteous by a sovereign work of Yahweh as they “put on Messiah,” i.e. as they accept Him as Savior, Redeemer, and King! So Yahshua is the Way: the key to everything. And obedience to the instructions of Yahweh, the Torah, the Word of Yahweh, i.e. Yahshua is the only “Way.” A person can only see and understand the plan of Yahweh by looking into the “Author and Finisher,” the Aleph and the Tau, the



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beginning and the end...and **OBEY HIM!** And that means **ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS/TORAH**, because the Torah is not a smorgasbord wherein we select what we “like” and ignore the rest!

That is why Acts 5:32 is so critical to know and understand. The Spirit of Elohim, Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit...is **only given to them that obey**. Obey what? The true instructions of Yahweh. The instructions He revealed through righteous men as the Spirit gave them utterance...and NOT as men later (mis) translated some parts of Scripture to manipulate the masses. Yes...men have tampered with some of the true instructions! But that does not change the FACT that when you and I obey the instructions, revelation of the truth comes. When a person disobeys the true instructions...revelation stops! And “Seeing...They See Not!”

Because of Israel’s collective disobedience, the prophet Isaiah told them Yahweh would “choose their delusions, and bring their fears upon them: because when I (Yahweh) called, none did answer; when I (Yahweh) spake, they did not hear.” Why? They did evil, that which was right in their natural eyes. They chose that in which Yahweh delighted not! (Isa. 66:4)

The message and method is clear. “Seeing” into the Spirit realm; hearing, understanding and obeying the Spirit of Yahweh Elohim is just as important today as it was back then. “Today if you will hear his voice, harden not your heart...” (Heb. 3:7, 15; 4:7) Shaul told the Romans: “They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (v6) For to be carnally [secular] minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (v14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of Yahweh, they are the sons [and daughters] of Yahweh.” (Ro. 8:5, 6, 14) Brethren...make no mistake, the Spirit of Yahweh Elohim is speaking today. Are you listening? Are you “seeing” the true Yahshua? Are you discerning the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error?

We know that false apostles, deceitful workers,

servants of HaSatan are in the world today. (II Cor. 11:13-14) We have been warned that they are teaching “another Yahshua,” “another spirit,” and “another good news.” II Cor. 11:4) So we cannot use ignorance as an excuse!

Beloved brethren...obedience is the key to “Seeing!” Obedience brings blessing and peace (Dt. 28:1-14); disobedience brings cursed, punishment, and delusions (Dt. 28:15-62; II Thes. 2 :10-12) Your actions choose what you will receive... because obedience is a personal choice! And our life-style will reflect our choice.

If I want to “See” and “Hear” and be healed, then I must utilize the only remedy: accept Yahshua and all that He did and taught. (Acts 1:1) I must diligently hide the Word of Yahweh in my heart, that I might not sin against Him. (David’s declaration in Psa 119:11) If you have done...and are doing this, you are already “Seeing!” But if you have not... then “Seeing You See Not!”

Is this a hard saying? Well...sometimes hard-headed and stiff-necked people need hard lessons! I’ve had my share! Have you? Repentance, healing, and forgiveness can be yours if you humbly and sincerely turn away from sin. Yahshua REAL- LY is the Truth, the Way, and the Life. (Jn. 14:6) He has already done His part...and now He is waiting to see if you’ll do yours. May Yahweh truly open your eyes to “See” the true Yahshua. Amen.

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