

Watchman Part 24

The Watchman Uses His Eyes Carefully

“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.” (Hebrews 12:2 KJV)

Hebrews 12:2 teaches us to fix our eyes on Jesus. **The eyes are very important organs in the body and the Lord had given the eyes to man so he can see, and what he see will help him to serve God and fulfill God's purpose.**

The eyes are important for man to see his ways and to walk from place to place. Blind people would need people to guide them. Therefore the eyes help us to move. The eyes also are given to man so can read, write, work arts and crafts in his hands.

Hebrews 12:2 teaches us that the eyes as they are fixed on Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith and on the Word of God they will protect man from falling into sin and temptations.

“22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.” (Matthew 6:22 KJV) **The eye is the organ that we use to see what is outside us, and with the eye the whole body will have a source of light. The light that the eye will give to the body will also reflect the way the mind and the heart of man will think. Jesus here is reflecting on the way man see things and what are the thoughts that will be reflected in his mind. If man will go along the Godly way then light will be reflected in all his life. But if he will think in an evil worldly way or contradict to God and to His Word then man will be in darkness. “23 But 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!” (Matthew 6:23 KJV)**

“If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness”: *** Jesus here means what is inside you of what you believe, or of what you do or practice which is become a part of you and your character, then when it is dark then darkness and the power of darkness is getting part of your life. * When Jesus said if your eye is single He means your eye is sound, whole and good and is going along the will of God and the Word of God. But in certain times the eyes can be used in a wrong way and become instruments of wickedness that will bring destruction into our lives. Let us go through Scripture to see how through eyes man sins in the way he think or analyze things, decide about them and the actions he takes.**

A. “6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. “ (Genesis 3:6 KJV) God commanded the man to eat from all the trees of the garden but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they should not eat. The woman here had used her eyes in a wrong way. Her eyes enticed her to sin against God. Instead of

restraining her of sinning against God she was tempted to transgress against God's command by eating from the fruit of the forbidden tree. The woman should be restrained because she was aware of what God had said, but she was enticed with the word of Satan that told her, they will not die when they will eat from the forbidden fruit but they will be like God, ***“4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:4-5 KJV)*** Her pride and her lack of fear in God, and the lust in her eyes and in her mind let her to sin and led her to entice her husband to sin against God. Her eye was not single or sound. That is what we read also from Apostle John about the lust of the eyes and the lust of the flesh that will push man to love the world and the worldly things, and the very things that will entice man to sin against God, ***“15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.” (1 John 2:15-17 KJV)*** *** God command us certain things and restrain us from certain acts so we need to be restrained with what we know from the Word of God.**

“22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But 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! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:22-24 KJV) *** Jesus here was restraining His disciples and those who were hearing Him and even for us today to be restrained from working out to store for us treasures on earth and disobeying the commands of God of storing for us treasures in Heaven by being yield to the greed, to the lust of the eyes, to the love of money, to corruption, dishonesty and to the love of the world.* So here your eyes are either fixed on God or fixed on material and worldly things. * Either your master is God and you are sensitive to His command, or your master is the world, the material things, the earthly treasures and you are directed with this love to serve the material things.**

B. “20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: 21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.” (Joshua 7:20-21 KJV) Achan sinned against God and His commands to destroy all what they will take from the city of Jericho because of the covet that he experienced when he saw the expensive garment and the gold and the silver attached to it, as he confessed it when he was found out. **We need to restrain our eyes and not to use them to sin against God. Be aware of window shopping that your eyes will not be enticed in lust.** Achan's eyes led him to covet and steal. He lusted with his eyes toward worldly things that caused him to sin and brought destruction into His life. The Word of God reminds us to avoid that. God had given us eyes so that we can see what is going on around, fight the good fight, do what is good and be a good testimony to others.

C. “1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?” (Job 31:1 KJV) Job made a covenant with his eyes not to think about women. **This is how to bring the**

light inside you, and to be cleansed from lust that will cause you to sin. The eyes can be used for a wrong purpose and promote immoralities. Men should control their eyes and not to look lustfully on women. Women in the same way should control their eyes and not to look lustfully on men.

Jesus said, **“27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:” (Matthew 5:27 KJV)** Here the Lord Jesus Christ spoke about not to commit adultery and that is the seventh command, **“18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.” (Deuteronomy 5:18 KJV)** That means no sexual and no emotional relationship outside the marriage life. Therefore put these clear principles into your mind and in your heart so that you will not sin against God:

1. Sex only for married people
2. Marry only when you are in stable condition

You should not behave like the wife of Potiphar. The Bible tells us about the story of Joseph of how he was taken to Egypt and how he was bought by Potiphar to be his servant and how the Lord prospered him in that house, **“4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.” (Genesis 39:4 KJV)** But the devil used the wife of Potiphar who tried to destroy him: **“And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured. 7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. 8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; 9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? 10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. 11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. 12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. 13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:” (Genesis 39:6-14 KJV)** This woman had eyes of watchman qualifications but she used them for wrong purpose. She watched the physical beauty of Joseph and invited him to do evil, **“And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured. 7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.” (Genesis 39:6-7 KJV)** She watched the opportunity that no one was in the house and tried to force him to do the sinful act, **“11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.” (Genesis 39:11 KJV)** She watched that she had the evidence to accuse him and put him in jail, **“13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a**

loud voice:” (Genesis 39:13-14 KJV) Don't be like this woman with such bad attitude and purpose hunting others and try to make them fall into sin. Heed the warning and repent.

“28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” (Matthew 5:28 KJV) If you look to a woman or look to a man lustfully is a violation and the law of God condemns it. Therefore repent and renounce all your sins and do not use your eyes to do wrong.

In **Matthew 5:27-28**, Jesus was speaking to Jewish people who knew well these Scriptures that we discussed. At the time of Jesus Jewish people they don't allow their unmarried daughters to go outside the house. And when they go out they wear long veils that cover the whole body, and even with such men would find way to look lustfully on them and here Jesus condemned that sin by judging what is evil in the heart of man. The Law of God also judges this sin of lust and covetousness when He said, **“21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.” (Deuteronomy 5:21 KJV)** **“17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.” (Exodus 20:17 KJV)**

Jesus when came His teaching was more profound and radical than what is written in the Old Testament and is directed more toward the purging of the sin of adultery and fornication by purging what evil is in the heart and the thoughts because sin would start from the heart and the mind of man. Jesus considered if a man was looking to a woman to lust after her had committed adultery in his heart. **So here the malice thoughts and the emotions of men toward women who are not their wives are adultery in the sight of God.** So here our responsibility before God is more profound and deep. **We are responsible to keep our bodies, hearts and thoughts clean so such sins will not be happening.** Therefore we need to observe the following:

3. Disciplining our children and direct them away from such while they are small and prohibit them from doing such
4. Avoid mixing boys and girls, or men with women
5. Remove Media and internet from the life of our children
6. Mobiles and Media should be used for work and communication and not for entertainment and relationships
7. Modest dress for both boys and girls. What non decent dress that we don't want our children to wear when they are old we don't allow them to wear them while they are young.
8. Avoid make up, and strong perfumes. Deodorants for the body should only to be limited to the surface and not to be spread and put in huge amounts to be smelled by others.
9. No boyfriend and no girlfriend.
10. No dating and no courting.

Jesus said, **“29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.” (Matthew 5:29 KJV)** He is calling you, calling His church and His followers to do drastic measures to stop such sins. Men and women should be restrained and not allowed to cross the border and go beyond the limit that is allowed for them. The Word of

Jesus here is very serious; if you will not comply you will end up in hell. Jesus will fulfill what He said in His Word.

Some ladies they say, the mind of men should be clean and they should not think with such way. That is correct. Adultery and fornication will take place when both the man and the woman are agreeing in their minds to do it. Now from the same concept if the men or the women with the way they dress and the way put make up, showing the beauties of their bodies whether men or women, that will cause the attraction to the other gender, even if they don't mean it, then they are guilty of the sin of adultery.

When men and woman are not decent in their dress then they are inviting the other gender to sin. At the time of Jesus the dress of woman were more decent than now, they were using veil as dress where the body parts of the woman and her face are covered and in such men will not have the chance to lust in their eyes toward women. But even with that Jesus was still warning the men not to do such evil.

* Now how much more if Jesus will come and see the vulgar dress, the attractive make up, the strong perfumes, the media that promote immoralities, what He will say and how He will rebuke? * These simple measures about dress and make up if we comply with, then the rate of adultery and fornication will be reduced. * Having boyfriend and girlfriend is doing adultery according to the Word of Jesus here; dating and courting these are all manifestation of immoralities. Boy and girl when they meet speak or chat sexual things cannot be excluded from between them. These phenomenons needed to be out of our lives to avoid fornications and immoralities. * Parents and churches who keep and allow boyfriend, girlfriend, dating courting, boys going along with girls, girls going along with boys, mobiles in the hand of the youth and children, and make up and non decent dress, they are promoting fornication and adultery to spread and that will bring the wrath of God.

Again I repeat mobiles and Media should be used for work and communication and not for entertainment nor for making relationship. Jesus is reading and seeing what are in the minds of men, of deviation and in adopting other plans that are away from His plans. God had ordained a certain plan for each and everyone, and for marriage He had ordained a certain person to fill that post at His perfect time. When the people of God go astray and deviate from the ways of God then wrong plans, wrong relationships will be instituted due to such and wrong marriages will follow. Why Christ is so radical about such a sin? Adultery and fornication is a sin and can bring havoc. Today's message is not to condemn you but to avoid what had happened in the past to happen again. Therefore we as a church should work and implement the preparation for Godly marriages. In addition to what we stated previously, how we can obey the Word of Jesus, and what are the measures and the principles that further we need to take and implement to eliminate immoralities?

11. Husbands work to earn living
12. Wives should stay home to manage the house and watch over the children
13. Wives should stay home to manage the house and keep good stewardship, budget the spending, and to keep more resources

14. Children to be homeschooled so they will not be mixed with the people of the world and get infected with sins
15. No TV, no facebook, no YOU tube and the like in the atmosphere of the house. Such things are harmful to us
16. No mobile or gadgets or internet given to the children in the house.
17. Media for work and communication and not for entertainment
18. Decent dress, and no make up
19. No friends. Including no boyfriend, no girlfriend, no dating, and no courting
20. Saving and keeping resources to start new families through preparation for Godly marriages among those who are raised in Godly way
21. When the person is ready and capable to start a family the Lord will provide and show the right partner for him or for her

D. "2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. 3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? 4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. 5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child." (2 Samuel 11:2-5 KJV) David used his eyes in a wrong way and was enticed and sinned against God. Therefore take heed of this; you need to restrain and control your eyes from looking into bad things.

E. "22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without." (Genesis 9:22 KJV) Ham and his descendents were cursed after he saw the nakedness of his father, "24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. 25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren." (Genesis 9:24-25 KJV) The Word of God admonish us not to look unto the nakedness of others, "15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!" (Habakkuk 2:15 KJV) From this we can see how evil in the sight of God watch bold movies.

F "3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." (Psalm 101:3 KJV) David was who said that, and he committed himself not to put in front of his eyes any corruption, dishonesty, intention to do evil, greed, cheating and dishonest gain. * Therefore void watching TV, movies, playing games, and unnecessarily browsing on the web pages, because all these things impart vile things through your eyes to your mind and heart and get them spoiled and lead you to take wrong steps, behaving in a wrong way and tempted to take bad decisions. * God gave you the eyes to see certain things and certain things you should not see to avoid downfall. Your eyes can keep your whole body in the light of God and things will go smooth with you; you will not fall in sin and you will not take wrong steps or be tempted to take wrong decisions.

G. "28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and

beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.” (Matthew 14:28-30 KJV) Peter was called by God to walk on the water. His eyes should be fixed on the Lord so he can achieve what God had called him to achieve. But what had happened Peter used his eyes and fixed them on the wind and started to sink down. * We need to focus on Jesus, His power, His provision, His promises and His presence in our lives and not on the trials and the difficulties that we are passing through. * We need to believe in God’s Word and His promises in Scripture so our faith will be increased and we will be able to conquer the places that God had given to us and doing our ministries in a perfect way, not as what had happened to the spies that Moses send to explore the land of Canaan when they focused on the giants and their weapons and their high fortified cities, and fail to see God who was leading them to conquer the land. * Therefore we need to follow God wholeheartedly and be like Caleb and Joshua who believed in God and His promises and encouraged the people and gave a good report, “30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.” (Numbers 13:30 KJV) “6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: 7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. 8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.” (Numbers 14:6-9 KJV)

H. “3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?” (Matthew 7:3 KJV) Jesus now was facing His listeners why they were seeing the mote in their brother’s eye. The meaning of the mote is a straw or a small twig. What He meant Jesus why they were seeing the small mistake, or a small short coming in other people and would go scrutinize them, and correct them, rebuke them, punish them severely, oppress them and boast over them, but they were not considering the beam that is in their own eyes. The meaning of the beam is a big piece of wood; what Jesus was telling them that they were not looking to their big wrong doing, their pride and arrogance, their greed, their love of money, their self righteousness, their hatred and their bad example and that they were unfit to correct others if they were not correcting themselves. We need to correct ourselves before we go and correct others. Let us examine ourselves and see what are the sins and bad attitudes that we need to renounce before we can go to others.

“4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?” (Matthew 7:4 KJV) How you can go and rebuke them for their small sin but you are not dealing with your big wrong doing. You should be ashamed of such. They should be the one to rebuke you and not that you will be the one to correct them. Also this means that you think that others cannot see your wrong doings that you are hiding. You cannot be a reprover to others if you are not dealing first with your obvious sins.

“5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.” (Matthew 7:5 KJV) “Thou

hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye;” a hypocrite here is a person who is seeing and reproving other people’s sins but he is hiding his own sin. Here clearly Jesus pointed out to the Scribes and the Pharisees that they were hiding their big wrong doings. They needed first to start to deal with their own sins, before they will go to others. “and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.” That big wrong doing made them not to see clearly what they ought to correct in the other people’s lives and what is their needs. But, when they will repent of their sins they will be the right people to correct others, they can see what to correct and others will be willing to listen to them. Therefore we can conclude that first we need to check ourselves before we check others.

My Dear and Beloved: “26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.” (Proverbs 27:26 KJV) * *Hebrews 12:2* remind us to fix our eyes on Jesus and not on the world, not on the forbidden fruit, not to use them to sin and follow and do wrong things, not to covet, but to fix our eyes on Jesus and not on people, and not on trials or the big size of the enemy so we can walk victoriously and achieve the purpose of God in our generation. * As a watchman you are called to examine yourself and examine your eyes and remove whatever beam that might makes you ineffective toward the purpose of God as you commit yourself to serve God, and live for Him. Let us pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that help me to see my real spiritual condition. Lord thank you for your Word that warning me not to use my eyes in wrong purpose that cause me to sin. Lord thank you that you showed me how to live a holy life unto you in pertain to marriage and family life and how to raise my children in the fears of you.

Let us confess and renounce our sins. Confess your worldliness and your love for material things. Confess and renounce your lust and immoralities. Confess your lack of discipline to your children. Confess and renounce your greed, covetousness, and the love of money. Confess your doubts, your worries, your wrong and evil thoughts, and your lack of faith on God. Confess and renounce your pride, self-righteousness, failing to see the beam in your eyes and magnifying the mote in the eyes of others, considering yourself higher than others. Confess your lack of reading your Bible and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce your bondage with the Media and friends. Confess doing your own will and plans and not God’s will and plan. Lord forgive me, I confess and renounce the following sins

Lord I commit myself to use my eyes properly as you ordained for me to use. Lord keeps reminding me of your Word and instructions. Lord I commit myself to live for you and to serve you wholeheartedly. Lord protect me, give me good health, strength and provide for me to continue to serve you, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my brethren and sisters who repented and are willing to amend their ways and renounce all the evil that they do with their eyes and the thoughts of their mind. Lord I pray that you will give them the strength to implement all those principles that we learned from your Word. Lord continue to cleanse them with your Word and the Holy Spirit.

Lord provide for them, solve their problems and take them out from the trials they are in so they will continue to serve you and be good testimonies to others to follow you.

Lord bless us as a church to continue to teach and to implement your Word in the life of our families, workers and members. Lord help us to evangelize and make new disciples and train workers. Lord enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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