

My Father's Eyes

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In his book, "The Higher Life", Gene Edwards describes how man was created uniquely to have two natural habitats. One is the natural, dimensional, or physical realm of the seen having been created from the dust of the earth and having a soul. And the second, being that of the spiritual realm having a portion of God breathed into him giving him a spirit and thus a natural ability to inhabit the non-dimensional, unseen or spiritual realm.

As Adam and as Christ walked in both realms, so we were created and even redeemed to live as such with God. It is the essence of God's Kingdom purpose, "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." We were created a prophetic people, a people who live in a dimensional, physical realm yet can see, hear, and know the spiritual realm where the presence and glory of God dwells; that we might take the glory and presence of God from the one and let the world see it in the other.

As a prophetic people we must first be able to see through the eyes of Father for His glory to be revealed in us in this natural life. You can only hear as God hears, and see as God sees when you have touched and know the heart of Father. Everything in the heart of Father is tied to His most unique and precious of all creation, people.

I think that, too often we struggle with making God into our image of limited human simplicity. We perceive God does and sees things as we do, instead of considering that we should do and view things as God does. God does not look down and see masses of people running about the hustle and bustle of daily life. Instead, He looks down, as C.S. Lewis states, upon space and time of which He is transcendent, and sees each individual heart, its hurts, hopes, and fears. He hears each and every thought and desire.

Look with me at **Mark 8:18-25**. **18** *Having eyes, **see ye not?** and having ears, **hear ye not?** and do ye not remember? **19**When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. **20**And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. **21**And he said unto them, **How is it that ye do not understand?** **22**And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. **23**And he took the blind man by the hand, and **led him out of the town;** and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. **24**And he looked up, and said, **I see men as trees, walking.** **25**After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and **he was restored,** and **saw every man clearly.***

Like many Christians in their relationship with God, this man may have been satisfied to settle for blurred or limited vision of God and all creation but as Nicky Cruz states, "Christ wanted him to see clearly; to know what he was missing from the treasures of the Father." So Christ touches Him again.

I cannot count the times in my life that I cried out to God to touch me again that I might know His heart and see as He sees. Can you remember the first time God touched you and you thought you could see things in life so much more clearly than before? God touched your heart and thus changed your perspective of everything in your life. But then you found your vision of growth in Christ somewhat

unclear as your spirit asked, "What is next?" "Can there be more or is this it?" What is happening is that your spirit man is crying out to see more of God and see as God sees more clearly. Again, in his book "One Holy Fire", Nicky Cruz states, "We allow God to touch us, to set us free from the blindness, the total darkness of sin, but we somehow remain content with an immature sight. We don't allow Him to take us further into the vision He has in mind for us, to help us see people the way He sees them."

So, how can you and I see as God sees? We look beyond ourselves, beyond the natural, physical, dimensional realm of those in our sphere of influence or that God puts in our paths and instead, look with the heart of Father, to their non-dimensional, unseen, hurting and hungry spirits and souls.

"Where so many of us see vague masses moving to and fro before us, God sees faces of anguish, individual souls wandering aimlessly through life and desperately seeking freedom from their pain. As he looks closer he sees the scars and bruises, the wounds of a life enslaved to sin. Their hearts are cold and broken. Their wounds are deep. Their tears are real." (Nicky Cruz, One Holy Fire)

When you develop a deep compassion that drives you to the act of love, you have felt the heart of Father and may begin to see through His eyes. You begin to see souls in desperate need of a Savior.

It is tragic that those who live in sin and know nothing of sin do not realize they need a Savior. As tragic as such, when the revelation of truth brings light in darkness the light can be seen. But more tragic are those who have seen but a glimpse of the light and no more. They are thus blinded by religious self-righteousness and cannot see the revelation of a deeper relationship with Father. They may never know the submersion into the light of His glory.

Matthew 14:14 *14* And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was ***moved with compassion*** toward them, and he healed their sick.

Jesus saw a multitude, and when moved with compassion, He saw individual lives that needed the touch of the Master. My hearts cry is that we, God's people, see beyond the masses, see beyond just the group of people of which we work or are surrounded by, but instead allow the Holy Spirit and heart of Father to open our eyes to see through the eyes of Father; to be removed from ourselves and moved with the compassionate grace and mercy of God. This is a prayer for revival.