

# **Eye Trouble In The Church**

**(The Danger of Nearsightedness)**

**HOW FAR CAN YOU SEE?**

**CAN YOU ONLY SEE AS FAR AS YOUR PROBLEM**

**OR....**

**CAN YOU SEE ALL THE WAY TO YOUR MIRACLE?**

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There are many “Conditions of Vision” that commonly occur in the flesh which have specific parallels in “The Church”!

Tonight I want to talk about one of them in particular!

I could choose to preach to you about:

1. **Amblyopia** – Sometimes called Lazy Eye or Wandering Eye – 3%
2. **ARMD** – Age Related Macular Degeneration – Leading Cause of Blindness
3. **Cataracts** – Caused by the lens of the Eye becoming Cloudy or Hazy
4. **Strabismus** – Cross Eyed – Misalignment - Resulting in Double Vision
5. **Diabetic Retinopathy** – Vision Condition caused by an outside Force
6. **Hyperopia** – Farsightedness – easily and usually outgrown quickly – 25%
7. **Presbyopia** – Normal farsightedness caused by aging – Most over 40
8. **Glaucoma** – Vision Condition caused by **PRESSURE** – 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of blindness

All of these conditions could and someday may make a powerful message or lesson... BUT

Tonight I want to address the most common condition of vision –

**THE DANGER OF MYOPIA OR NEARSIGHTEDNESS.**

Main Entry: **my·o·pia**

Pronunciation: ml-'O-pE-&

Function: *noun*

: a condition in which the visual images come to a focus in front of the retina of the eye because of defects in the refractive media of the eye or of abnormal length of the eyeball resulting especially in defective vision of distant objects -- called also *nearsightedness* ;

#### **Gen 13:14-15**

**14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:**

**15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.**

#### **2 Peter 1:1-10**

**1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:**

**2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,**

**3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:**

**4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

**5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;**

**6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;**

**7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.**

**8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**

**10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**

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There is an inherent danger in Nearsightedness – it creates a limited field of vision resulting in An Attitude of Smallness. It shrinks the borders of your world down to the end of your nose or perhaps the end of your arms.

THANK GOD ABRAM DID NOT SUFFER FROM NEARSIGHTEDNESS!  
He would have died standing on the same stone where he received the promise!

Note that the decision of Lot and Abram took place at Bethel, “The House of God”!

PETER UNDERSTOOD IT WAS A CONDITION THAT COULD AFFECT THE CHURCH AND HE WROTE ABOUT IT IN HIS SECOND LETTER!

HOW DID PETER COME TO UNDERSTAND IT COULD HAPPEN????

Acts 2:39

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 10:9-17

9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

**THANK GOD ISAIAH DID NOT SUFFER FROM NEARSIGHTEDNESS**

**Isa 9:6-7**

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.  
7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

**KJV**

**Isa 60:1-7**

60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.  
2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.  
3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.  
4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy Side.  
5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.  
6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.  
7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory

**KJV**

**ELISHA'S SERVANT WAS NEARSIGHTED.... BUT ELISHA KNEW IT COULD BE CORRECTED BY ONE TOUCH OF GOD'S HAND.... The servant was not totally blind... HE JUST HAD EYE TROUBLE!!!!**

**2 Kings 6:15-17**

**15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?**

**16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.**

**17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.**

**JESUS WAS NOT NEARSIGHTED!**

**THE 10 LEPERS WERE AFAR OFF**

**Luke 17:12-14**

**12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:**

**13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.**

**14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.**

**KJV**

**DEMONIAC OF GADERRA**

**Mark 5:1-17**

**5:1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.**

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,  
3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:  
4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.  
5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.  
6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,  
7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.  
8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.  
9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.  
10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.  
11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.  
12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.  
13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.  
14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.  
15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.  
16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.  
17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

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**THE PRODIGAL'S FATHER WAS NOT NEARSIGHTED**

### **Luke 15:20-23**

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

**KJV**

### **CONCLUSION SCRIPTURE**

#### **Ex 14:13-14**

13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

**KJV**

**HOW BIG IS GOD? WITH PROPER VISION, HOW FAR CAN WE SEE AND STILL SEE GOD'S PROVISION?**

#### **Ps 139**

139:1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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**Rom 11:33**



**33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!**

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**Eph 3:8**

**8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given,  
that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;**

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