

BLINDED BY THE GOD OF THIS WORLD

I'm not going to preach about prayer nor fasting nor giving, I am going to preach about blindness.

There is a blindness that is worse than being physically blind; there is a blindness that is caused by a Spirit. It is called Spiritual blindness and the scripture I am about to read will prove what I am saying is truth.

It's not blindness like men in the bible and even men of today suffer, where what they are not seeing is the natural things.

But I am going to talk about a blindness that will cost us more than our fleshly sight. And Satan is the very one that is causing it.

2 Corinthians 4:3-12

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the Excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

I don't have to bring out all the negative things that Satan throws at us every day because you know what Satan is doing and we should be aware of his craftiness.

Matt 15:13-14

But he answered and said, every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

This is the blindness of the worst kind; blinded to truth, and refusing to change.

Matt 23:16-19

16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!

17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

These are they that the Apostle Paul spoke of.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

They would rather be lost than to change. Is tradition sometimes stronger than truth? People, would rather be lost than change their traditions.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

This is a blindness that is seldom healed; men would rather believe a lie than to be proved wrong.

Paul is talking about people that he personally spoke to about Jesus being the Christ and they refused to accept it.

The Pharisees would not accept Jesus because it went against everything that they were ever taught by their ancestors. They even rejected God when he warned them.

This kind of blindness to truth will cost you more than you should be willing to pay!

This blindness is an everlasting darkness that it seems not even God can send light into it.

Let me put it this way; he could if they were willing to open their eyes, but they refused.

Not only has this spiritual blindness affected the religious sect but also it has affected their children from generation to generation.

Look at Islam, there are few that will accept truth but when they do their families no longer accept them, they are outcast.

Why? They are no longer a part of the spiritual blindness that they once were.

When the light of God comes to you, it is the reason that people who live in darkness don't want to be around you. God's light exposes their sin.

Let me say this, if you think you can go through life and not obey the gospel you are blind.

If you think that I can ease into this way at my own pace you are blind.
If you think you are fooling God you are blinded to the truth.
The bible says the god of this world has blinded the minds of them that are lost lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Light and darkness cannot mix. You cannot serve two masters.

When physically blind people in the Bible heard Jesus was coming they cried out to him and their eyes were open, but the spiritually blind died in their sins because they refused the light. They refused to see truth and they perished.

They hated the light so much that they did everything that they could to destroy it.

They beat it, they rejected it, crucified it and buried it, but unbelievers cannot subdue the light.

When God makes this gospel available anyone who will believe it can come to it and see the truth. God help open our eyes to the truth.