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Making a Covenant With Your Eyes

By Edd Sterchi

Remember singing "be careful little eyes what you see"? Well, there's a lot of truth to that statement. We need to be very selective in what we put in front of our eyes, whether it be television, movies, live theater, sporting events, magazines, or anything else we can decide to look at. Job said that he made a covenant with his eyes (Job 31:1). It is high time we did as well. What would a covenant with our eyes consist of? Consider the following suggestions from the Scriptures.

- ◆ 1 John 2:16, "For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world." A covenant with our eyes means that we will realize that Satan sometimes tempts us through visual means and we will be wary of that.
- ◆ Psa. 101:3, "I will set nothing wicked before my eyes." A covenant with our eyes means that we will do our best not to place anything improper or immoral in front of them.
- ◆ Luke 11:34, "The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness." A covenant with our eyes means that understand that our eyes are input devices and that if we bring good things in through them, good things will be produced by us (and vice versa).
- ◆ 1 Pet. 2:13-14, "...They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children." A covenant with our eyes means that we perceive that we are influencing others toward evil when we use our eyes incorrectly.
- ◆ Rev. 3:18-19, "I counsel you to...anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent." A covenant with our eyes means that we will repent when we see wrong things, cleanse ourselves from that situation, and resolve never to see those harmful things again.

So have you made a covenant with your eyes? Since God made your eyes, let us all strive to use them the way He designed. It is important that we watch out for what we watch!

----- Edd Sterchi is the minister of the Harrisburg church of Christ in Harrisburg, Illinois -----

Sunday Schedule

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| Bible Classes | 10 AM |
| Worship | 11 AM |
| Worship | 6 PM |
| Wednesday: Bible Classes | 7 PM |

Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart
 Restoration Radio
 Jim Waldron
 Manuelito Children's Home



Bible Search

(Wording is based on KJV)
by Kenneth L. Thomas

Questions for week of January 20

1. What plant is associated with Zacchaeus and Amos?
2. What city was described as empty, void, and waste?
3. In the New Testament, where are children described as seated and criticizing?
4. What woodcutter's tools were used to describe the folly of haughty rebellion?
5. The lack of metalsmiths among the Israelites was a good thing in the eyes of the people of Philistia. Why?
6. Jesus sent a disciple to Saul of Tarsus, and that disciple announced two purposes for coming to him. What two things had the Lord sent him to tend to on Saul's behalf?
7. What event brought tears to the eyes of the widowed, and was also the inspiration for an exhibition of a person's work?

Answers for week of January 13

1. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do because of fleshly weakness?

Answer: Watch and Pray

Matthew 26:41 - **Watch and pray**, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the **flesh is weak**.

Mark 14:38 - **Watch ye and pray**, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the **flesh is weak**.

2. What attitude characterizes the person who is described as blind, in the dark, and unaware of his destination?

Answer: He hates his brother

(1 John 2:9-11) "He that saith he is in the light, and **hateth his brother**, is **in darkness** even until now. {10} He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. {11} But he that **hateth his brother is in darkness**, and **walketh in darkness**, and **knoweth not whither he goeth**, because that darkness hath **blinded his eyes**."

3. What obligation toward others (people that we see) is commanded because of our love of the unseen God?

Answer: To love them

(1 John 4:19-21) "We love him, because he first loved us. {20} If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love **God whom he hath not seen**? {21} And this commandment have we from him, That **he who loveth God love his brother also**."

4. What nation's invasion against the Jews is described as a flooding river that will rise to a level just below the chin?

Answer: Assyria (see particularly vss. 7-8)

(Isa 8:1-8) "Moreover the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mahershalalhashbaz. {2} And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. {3} And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz. {4} For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria. {5} The LORD spake also unto me again, saying, {6} Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's

son; {7} Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them **the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: {8} And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck;** and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel."

5. What king was attacked by three other kings because he had ceased sending many thousands of sheep to one of the kings ?

Answer: Mesha, king of Moab. We would have to assume that rebellion would include at least a reduction if not a cessation of sending 200,000 animals.

(2 Ki 3:4-10) "And **Mesha king of Moab** was a sheepmaster, and **rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.** {5} But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the **king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.** {6} And **king Jehoram** went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel. {7} And he went and sent to **Jehoshaphat the king of Judah,** saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses. {8} And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom. {9} **So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom:** and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them. {10} And the king of Israel said, Alas! that **the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!**"

6. If those who have escaped worldly corruption

diligently add to their faith, what will be made sure?

Answer: They will make their "calling and election sure" - II Peter 1:4-11.

They will not fall, but will rather enter into the everlasting kingdom of the Lord.

"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.** And beside this, **giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.** 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. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:** For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 1:4-11).

7. What prophet wrote of a "grievous prescription" that was written to deny justice to those in need, and to take advantage of the widows and orphans?

Answer: Isaiah (Isaiah 10:1-2)

1 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that **write grievousness which they have prescribed;** 2 To **turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!**

Prayer Needs and Requests

Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation and our friends and relatives: Nick Graham's father (lung cancer), Jessie Pearl Green's brothers (Arlin Mesick with kidney cancer, and Jerry Mesick with lung cancer.) William Miller at NHC Jackie Hafer was in the hospital this week for removal of fluid around her heart, and will need additional treatment. Wanda Miller was out sick and in great pain last Sunday but was back out at services Wednesday.

Remember our shut-ins (Laura Singleton and Wm. Miller) and other members who have to deal with the infirmities that come with age.

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By Mike Benson

Brief sermons are in great demand ... If one could package and sell twenty-minute sermons with "preheat and serve" instructions, he would become an instant Forbes celebrity. The "hurry up and get this over with" philosophy has found a home in the church.

"If a man in twenty minutes, he is a dull bit" may provide a chuckle, but not from the spiritual mind intent on drinking deep from the well of living water. Sunday's high noon sounds the gun for the Indianapolis 500 to the local restaurants; beating the Baptists to the drumstick has become a sporting event.



One brother said, "When the sermon goes overtime, I turn it off." Rest assured he never said that about his favorite television program. One can easily discern Sunday's time of day by taking note of the activity in the pew. Proceeding past the "allotted time" is like scraping the top of an ant bed. Overtime is no man's land where preachers void of stout hearts fear to tread.

Some attempts to justify this disturbing lack of interest in God, worship and the gospel by pointing to man's diminutive attention span. This is insane. The application of this point is always limited to small children or adults in a worship assembly.

The truth is, the capacity of one's concentration is dependent upon his sense of priority and interest. One lacking in spirituality can devote rapt attention for several hours to some entertainment medium, while experiencing a severe shortage of mental vigilance under the sound of gospel preaching.

Missionaries tell of people who walk for miles to sit for hours on backless boards in thatched huts and scorching heat to feast on the treasures of the gospel. It is indeed tragic when one's interest in spiritual things can be exhausted during the course of a thirty-minute sermon. (Frank Chesser)

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

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| For the record: | 12/23 | 12/30 | 01/06 | 01/13 |
| Bible Study | 14 | 19 | 19 | 14 |
| AM Worship | 31 | 29 | 29 | 16 |
| PM Worship | 19 | 21 | 20 | 18 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 23 | 22 | 13 | 13 |
| Contribution | \$684 | \$529 | \$468 | \$483 |

| Assignments | January 20 | January 27 |
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| Song leader (SS) | Tim Waldron | Wayne Gannon |
| Announcements | Joe Green | Junior Conner |
| Songleader-Worship | Wayne Gannon | Tim Waldron |
| Scripture reading | T. J. Waldron | Daniel Green |
| Opening prayer | Steve Miller | Lee Rose |
| Table service (center) | Tim Waldron | Ken Thomas |
| (center) | Joe Green | Wayne Gannon |
| (outside) | T. J. Waldron | Steve Miller |
| (outside) | Daniel Green | Junior Conner |
| Closing Prayer | James Mason | Daniel Green |

If you cannot serve, please contact Junior Conner