



“Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.” (John 9:1) >>

» Sense of Sight

- ▶ “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”
(Matt. 6:22–23)



Limitations of the natural eye¹

- ▶ Restricted in time and space
 - “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” (Prov. 14:12)
 - “For the ways of man are before the eyes of God, and He keeps close watch on all his paths.” (Prov. 5:21)



Limitations of the natural eye²

- ▶ Blind to heavenly things
 - Gehazi
 - “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see. Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” (2 King 6:16–17)
- ▶ Can be made blind to sound reasoning
 - Samson
 - Potiphar’s wife



Notables regarding the spiritual eye¹

- ▶ Only God can open it
 - “Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.” (John 9:32–33)



Notables regarding the spiritual eye²

- ▶ We must desire and will to receive spiritual sight
 - “Bring out the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears.” (Isaiah 43:8)
 - “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” (John 3:19)

Notables regarding the spiritual eye³

- ▶ We obtain our spiritual sight in Baptism
 - “For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit...” (Heb. 6:4)



Characteristics of an evil eye

- ▶ Envious
 - “He who envies with his eye is evil.” (Sir. 2:8)
- ▶ Offensive
 - Lustful
 - Malicious
 - Eye rolling
- ▶ Deceptive



Characteristics of a spiritual eye

- ▶ Continually looks to God
 - “Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens.” (Psalm 123:1)
 - “I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:1–2)
- ▶ Open to scripture
 - “Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.” (Psalm 119:18)

Characteristics of a spiritual eye

- ▶ Weeps for the sins of others
 - “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.” (Acts 20:31)
 - “Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!” (Jer. 9:1)
- ▶ Weeps for one’s own sins
 - “I am weary with my groaning; every single night I will dampen my bed; I will drench my couch with my tears.” (Psalm 6:6)
- ▶ Vigilant
 - “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.” (Matt. 26:41)

Conclusion

- » “O Lord, Father and the God of my life, do not give me haughty eyes, but turn me away from evil desire. Do not let gluttony or lust overcome me, nor give me up to a shameless soul.”
(Sir. 23:4–6)