



# The Lamp of the Body is the Eye

Matthew 6:22

# Is my eye good or evil?

- “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:16)
- *“The eye is the intention with which we perform all our actions.”* (St. Augustine)

# The Evil Eye

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# Lustful Eye

- Potiphar's wife
- “So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.” (Gen. 39:10)



# Discontented Eye

- Children of Israel
- “Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” (Ex. 16:2-3)



# Merciless Eye

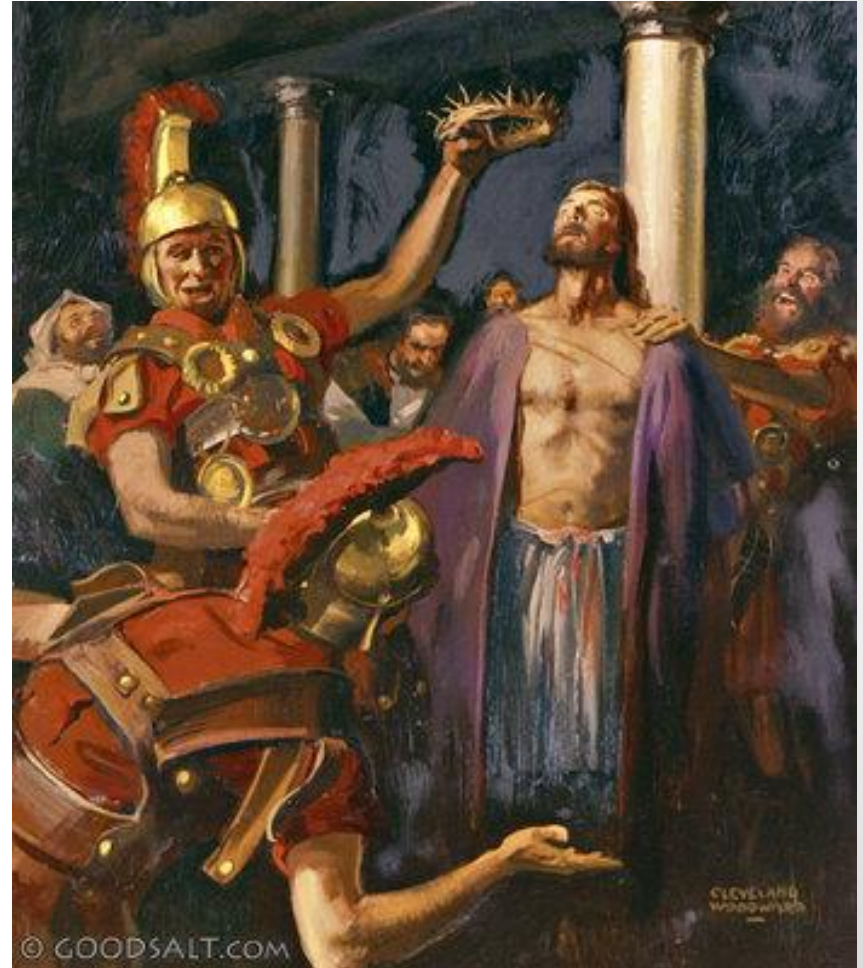
- Rich man and Lazarus
- “But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table.” (Lk. 16:20-21)
- King Ahab





# Eye of Mockery

- Roman soldiers
- “And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”  
(Matt. 27:29)



# Overcritical Eye

- Simon the Pharisee
- Parable of the Workers
- “Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good.” (Matt. 20:15)





# Boastful Eye

- King Nebuchadnezzar
- “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty.” (Dan. 4:30)
- “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” (Prov. 16:18)



# The Eye that looks Backward

- Lot's wife



# The Good Eye

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# Pure Eye

- Hannah, mother of Samuel the Prophet
- “No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now.” (1 Sam. 1:15-16)
- “To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.” (Titus 1:15)



# Content Eye

- Abraham and Lot
- “Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.” (Ps. 73:25)



# Compassionate Eye

- Parable of the Good Samaritan
- “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Gal. 6:2)



# The Eye that Covers the Sins of Others

- St. Macarius
- St. Joseph the Carpenter
- “Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.” (Matt. 1:19)



# Humble Eye

- Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- “And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner.’” (Lk. 18:13)





# The Eye Focused on Heaven

- “...while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (2 Cor. 4:18)



# Conclusion

“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)

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