

# “Spiritual Sight” Scriptures

Living in the Spiritual Realm 3, Session 7

## Scriptures

- We’ll examine several Greek words, all of which relate to physical sight, but scripture also uses them for spiritual sight
- Greek verb *eidon*: (1) to see, sight, seeing; (2) to pay attention to, gain understanding by seeing
  - Mk 6:47-48(a), “When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them.”
    - “saw”: *eidon*
    - Was that possible with physical sight? Or was that spiritual sight?
  - Jn 1:33, “I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’”
    - “see”: *eidon*
    - Did John see the Spirit descend with his natural or spiritual eyes?
  - Jn 1:48-51
    - <sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.
    - Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”
    - <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”
    - <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that.” <sup>51</sup> He then added, “I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”
    - v 48, “saw”: *eidon*
    - Why must this refer to spiritual sight?
  - Jn 3:3, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”
    - “see”: *eidon*
    - If only those who are born again will see the kingdom, does this refer to spiritual or physical sight?
  - Jn 12:41, “Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him.”
    - “saw”: *eidon*
    - Why was it not possible for Isaiah to see Jesus’ glory physically?

- Acts 7:55 “But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.”
  - “saw”: *eidon*
  - Why must he have seen God and Jesus spiritually?
- Acts 11:5, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was.”
  - “saw”: *eidon*
  - Why is it likely he saw this with his spiritual sight?
- Greek verb *horao*: (1) to see; (2) to become aware of something
  - Mt 5:8, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”
    - “see”: *horao*
    - Explain why the pure in heart will see God spiritually in life, not just in eternity
  - Mt 17:3, “Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.”
    - “appeared”: *horao*
    - Did Moses & Elijah enter the physical realm or did the disciples see them in the spiritual realm?
  - Jn 1:51, “I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”
    - “see”: *horao*
    - Was Jesus referring to natural or spiritual sight?
  - Acts 8:23, “For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.”
    - “see”: *horao*
    - Was he judging by Simon’s behavior or could he see his spirit?
  - Heb 11:27, “By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.”
    - “saw”: *horao*
    - Did God materialize in the physical realm or did Moses see into the spiritual?
- Greek verb *theoreo*: (1) to see, look at; (2) be a spectator, experience
  - Lk 10:18, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”
    - “saw” (Gk, v, *theoreo*)
    - Did Jesus see that while waiting for them to return, or when he initially expelled Satan from heaven?
- Greek verb *deiknymi*: to show, present or indicate to the view of others
  - Lk 4:5, “The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.”
    - “showed”: *deiknymi*
    - Would it be possible to see all the kingdoms of the world in an instant from a single mountain top?

- Greek verb *blepo*: to see, become aware of
  - Jn 5:19-20(a), <sup>19</sup> “Jesus gave them this answer: ‘I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.’”
    - v 19, “sees”: *blepo*
    - v 20, “shows”: *deiknymi*
    - Physical or spiritual? Why?
  - Ro 11:8, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day.”
    - “spirit”: *pneuma*
    - “see”: *blepo*
    - Can a spirit cause a person to be physically blind or deaf?
    - “stupor” (Gk, noun, *katanyxis*): inability to think clearly; bewilderment
    - Since “stupor” relates to mental comprehension, are the resulting blindness and deafness in this verse physical or spiritual?
- Greek adjective *typhlos*: (1) blind, unable to see; (2) unable to understand
  - Lk 4:18-19, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
    - “recovery of sight” (Gk, n, *anablepsis*) – adjective related to the verb *blepo*, “to see”
    - “blind”: *typhlos*
    - Can recovery of sight also be spiritual?
  - 1 Jn 2:9-11, <sup>9</sup> “Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup> Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. <sup>11</sup> But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.”
    - Are “light” and “darkness” physical or spiritual (figurative) in this verse?
    - “blinded”: (Gk, v, *typhloo*) – verb related to the adjective *typhlos*
    - Is it possible for physical darkness to blind someone physically?

- Greek noun *ophthalmos*: (1) eye, sight; (2) understanding
  - Eph 1:18-19(a),<sup>18</sup> “I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,<sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe.”
    - “eyes”: *ophthalmos*
    - Is the reference to “heart” literal or figurative?
    - “enlightened” (Gk, v, *photizo*): (1) give light to; (2) to be understanding
    - Could this be a reference to spiritual sight?
  - Rev 3:18, “I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.”
    - “eyes”: *ophthalmos*
    - “see”: *blepo*
    - Is Jesus offering to make them rich or cover their physical nakedness or give them medicine for their eyes; or is this figurative language referring to spiritual needs?
- Bonus scripture
  - 2 Ki 6:17, “And Elisha prayed, ‘O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.’ Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”
    - Physical or spiritual horses and chariots of fire?

### Recommended Daily Activity

- You may want to review Session 4, which recommended ways to cultivate your ability to experience the spiritual realm
- Activity
  - Focus your attention on the spiritual realm & pray with your spirit
  - Use your spiritual authority & declare you will experience [more of] the spiritual realm
    - (example) “It is God’s will for me to see the spiritual realm, so in the authority Jesus gave me I declare I will see it.”
  - With your eyes closed, ask Holy Spirit where you should look, then open your eyes & look
  - Ask Holy Spirit to explain what you’re seeing

### Closing

- According to Hebrews 5:14, I encourage you to train yourself by continually using your spiritual senses