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Isaiah 42:20, “*Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.*”

Psalms 119:18, “*Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.*”

Our eyes are used to see and perceive the world about us. In a figurative way, the term “eyes” is used to describe understanding. In the passage in Isaiah 42:20, Isaiah was talking about how that people see many things, but yet they do not see.

I can’t help but think of the world about us. People are able to see basically everything this world and beyond has to offer. There is almost no place on Earth to which we cannot travel visually. Any old movie, or TV show, can instantly be seen online. Any book or information is almost certainly available as well. We can see news and events unfolding about us with the technology of today.

Certainly the Bible, the word of God, is as easily accessible. It’s available on our phones, tablets, and computers. Every translation and language you can imagine is available online. Yet, as Isaiah said,

people are seeing many things but observing not.

It’s not that the word of God is not available. It’s everywhere. People are simply refusing to look at it either from lack of interest or refusal to accept the Bible. Certainly there are those who do not have as easy access to the Bible as we do. It’s up to us to help them see and understand the word of God.

Before we can help others, we need to have a knowledge of God’s word ourselves. The writer in Psalm 119:18 said, “*Open mine eyes, that I may behold.*” Two of the pronouns refer to the writer— “mine” and “I.” I need to have a knowledge of God’s word myself to help those who are not seeing.

We certainly are not going to know all there is to know in the Bible. It seems every time I read, I see something I’ve never seen before. Certainly I’ve read the words before, but it seems with time there is more understanding. No doubt the LORD opens our minds and hearts as we study and pray for understanding. We also learn how different passages tie together the more we study.

The last part of the verse in Psalm 119:18 says, “*That I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.*” There are so many passages that fill us with wonder and bring such peace to us. They tell us about Heaven and the glories there. They tell us about Heaven being a place of no pain and forever being with the LORD and going to be with our people. The more I read and study, the more I anticipate going to be with the LORD.

We want others to have these feelings of peace and hope as well. They never can until they too see and understand the word of God. Whether it’s within our own homes or around the world, as opportunity presents itself, let’s help open the eyes of others to the wondrous things of the word of God.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 5 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry. Lauren Candela** is slowly recovering from her surgeries. **Rick Gibbs** has been having a lot of issues with kidney failure and been unable to attend.

—We extend our sympathies to the family of **Mike Burd** who passed away last night. Funeral services will be this week at Sego Funeral Home in Munfordville.

—Tonight we will be meeting with the LaRue County congregation in Hodgenville for our first-Sunday singing.

—Today marks 31 years that Ruby and I have been with the Munfordville congregation.

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Revelation 21:24, *“And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.”*

The only time the word “saved” appears in Revelation is in the above verse. To be saved is to be have our sins washed away and to be in the LORD. There are those saved now on earth who will not remain saved because they leave the LORD. Once the saved are in Heaven we are saved forever. We cannot, nor would we want to, leave Heaven.

The saved in Heaven will walk in the light of Heaven. We are also told that the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into Heaven. Who are these kings? Certainly many world leaders throughout time will not be saved.

These kings are us, the saved. Earlier in Revelation we are told who the kings and priests are. Revelation 1:6, *“And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”*

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| Sunday, August 27, 2023 | | |
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| Classes | 15 | Mark 14:22-26 |
| Preaching | 21 | Psalm 22 & 23 |
| Contribution | \$1643.00 | |
| Evening | 8 | Haggai 1:1-15 |
| Wednesday, August 30, 2023 | | |
| Classes | 12 | Philemon 1-25 |

Visitors— Aug 27 (AM) Owen Harrington (Clarksville, TN)

Bible Quiz

The LORD told the people to go where and bring wood?
Last Week’s Answer— Joy (Zephaniah 3:17)

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Revelation 5:10, *“And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”* I think we are reigning now, in that we are in the kingdom of God. The earth here could also refer to the “new Earth”, that is Heaven. Revelation 22:5, *“...and they shall reign for ever and ever.”* I want to be there and reign forever. That is only for the saved. If you are not in the LORD, do so now, and stay in that saved state.

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—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)