

## Spiritual Eyes (Jn. 3:1-16)

I do believe that God will give us His important grace and to be in healing. I do believe that at this time God will give us His Word. That is why you must carefully listen to His Word. All mankind must possess the spiritual eyes. It is because they are spiritual beings and God is of Spirit. That is why we must possess the spiritual eyes. That is how you will be able to meet God in your life. Of course you live by flesh, but you must be able to live a spiritual life. It is called spiritual life. May it be the time in which your eyes can see this. This is what is recorded in Ecclesiastes 12:3. It says, "The end of the matter, all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." It says that "this is the whole duty of man." The book of Ecclesiastes and Proverbs are the books of which King Solomon had written. He reveals his entire life and he is able to state his life conclusion. And there are the physical lessons and senses written within the books. But also there are the spiritual meanings behind it which is why it is written in the Bible. If there was no spiritual reason behind it, it would not be included inside of the Bible for the Bible is a spiritual book. However, there are many spiritual meanings behind it so it is recorded in the Bible. After he concludes writing the book of Ecclesiastes, this is what he writes. He says the end of the matter all has been heard. He has heard it all from the start, that is why this is the conclusion to life. He says, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." And this is recorded in the previous scripture, Verse 12. "Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh." King Solomon had tremendous intellect, so he was able to write many books. He says however, there were many books written and studied, but it only wore out the flesh. This is the life conclusion of King Solomon. Do not think of anything else, but return to the Lord. You must be able to do the work of the Lord if not, there is nothing that will remain and be left for you. It will all be in vain. King Solomon was able to experience all of the wealth and honor. And he speaks of his life conclusion, that all of it was rubbish and in vain, however there was one thing that was meaningful and that is God. Many people of the world seek after success and their own wealth. But these are the words that the people of the world should consider. It is not only for the people of the world, but for ourselves as well. These are the words we must consider as well. "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." And this is where true happiness lies for man. And it is because people are seeking after true happiness, but it lies within this. That is why we should never allow our flesh to wear out. Yet as you keep the Word of God, may you be physically regained and strengthened as well. If you were truly working for God, wouldn't you be truly happy? And everything would work out for you? And if you truly concentrate on God, for 24 hours, everything is bound to take

place. You will be able to live life just as the biblical figures. And that will rightfully lead to eternity. May this grace be upon you.

### 1. The Spiritual Eyes

The first Word we will take a look at is The Spiritual Eyes. These are the words we know very well. Nicodemus, who is the ruler of the Jews, had one night, approached Jesus. And of course, he approached him at night, because he is the ruler of the Jews as it is difficult for him to approach him during the day. He says, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who comes from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus says that, "unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." He does not directly tell him that he has descended from heaven. And Nicodemus did not say anything else, but simply asked him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Verse 5 and 6 states, "Jesus answered, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.'" And Jesus was able to see Nicodemus's expression to understand that he was not understanding his words. And then he uses the example of the wind that blows, and says that the Spirit is not of a physical sense. Even to that, Nicodemus could not understand that is why in Verse 9, he says, "How can these things be?" He was only to the level in the state in which he could only question these things to Jesus. That is why Jesus tells him, "Are you the teacher of Israel?" That is why he goes in depth to explain eternal life. And this is the scripture that we hold to today. What is the first message that God gives to us through this bible passage? That you must not be just like Nicodemus. The first message is that your spiritual eyes must be open, if not you will be blinded to the spiritual things. Nicodemus was the ruler of the Jews. He was a member of the Sanhedrin, which is like the member of the Congress or Parliament in the present time. During that time, politics and religion went hand in hand, so he had political authority as well. And because he was a Pharisee, he was in the highest position. But when Jesus was talking about being born again, he did not understand it. All man must be born of water and Spirit to be born, but he did not comprehend it. Then he went on to talk about such nonsense things for today's bible passage is the truth that has taken place. This was the spiritual state of the ruler of the Jews at the time. What will happen if man loses his spiritual eyes? At that time, they will become a fool. Even if they have met Jesus and received salvation, they will become a fool. I was like this in the past. In my past, even if there was someone facing spiritual problems, I did not know that. This took place when I was in Korea. During the time when I had a pharmacy, my daughter was very young and small. I was simply walking, but someone kicked my back. This person was about to kick me, but I grabbed his leg and he fell to the

floor. As he was looking at me, he was simply laughing, so I could see that he had completely lost his mind. And in that moment, I should have seen him as someone that was within the curses and spiritual problems or should have asked him to start bible study and share the gospel, but I just simply saw that man and thought that he had lost his mind, and walked away. Even though he kicked my back, I was not very upset because I knew that he had completely lost his mind. There were many incidents that had taken place after that. And there was a time in Korea, in the province of Jeollado, to give them the medicine. I resided in Busan, but the person came all the way from Jeollado, so I gave him the medicine for one month. He said that he will come after a month. For a pharmacist, it is great to hear that they will take the medicine and get better. So I gave him another prescription. But then this woman came and gave me a big hug, but did not let go. She was not an elderly, but there was a young adult from my church, sitting on a bench inside of the pharmacy. The young adult felt sorry for me, because the woman would not let go of me. However, I simply pushed her aside, gave her the medicine, and she went away. Around 7-8 PM, the pharmacy was busy. I received a phone call from the Busan station. They wanted me to give them medication all the way to the Busan station. And in other words, they wanted me to go and have a good time with them. At the time, I did not know that he had lost his mind to say that to me. There were many people who would hang out at night, so he called me to come out at night. But at the time, I had no idea that the woman had any interest in me. I was so naive and gullible that she had feelings for me and had interest in me. Apart from this, there were many strange incidents that had taken place in my life. What I am trying to tell you is that if your spiritual eyes are dim, you aren't able to see other people around you that have completely lost their mind. Of course, after coming to know the gospel, I could really sense it and realize it. I told the woman that I knew that she was lying to me. When your spiritual eyes are open, you are able to catch on and spiritually sense it to know. That is why all mankind must open their spiritual eyes. If not, they will not be able to communicate or connect with God. For that is a grave trade. God is a God of Spirit and He does it by the spiritual way and the spiritual sense, however, if you continue with the physical sense, you cannot connect with Him. For Nicodemus, himself, he gave such an irrelevant answer to God. He had no clue, even though Jesus was explaining it to him. Jesus gave an example of the wind that blows, but he still could not understand. That is why Jesus says, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?" What will happen to you, if your spiritual eyes are not opened? You may have no choice but to do your diligent best and effort. You may be on the side doing your own thing. That is why you must possess the correct spiritual eyes. So how can you possess the correct spiritual eyes? The answer is very simple. You must be able to correctly know the gospel. If you do not correctly know the gospel, even if you are inside

of the gospel, your spiritual eyes will not be opened. So if you correctly know the gospel, you will possess the correct spiritual eyes. You must go in the depths of the gospel so that you are able to open your [spiritual eyes even more. And to the extent in which your spiritual eyes are opened, you will be able to connect with God. How can you communicate with God? You will be able to communicate with Him through the gospel. It is His death on the cross of His blood shedding. With this alone how can you connect with God? You must first be able to know what this is. Many people do not understand, that is why God repeatedly explains this. That is why the gospel is the standard to salvation and all things. The gospel is the standard to all judgement and even to the world. The gospel is not only the standard to those that believe but it is standard even for those who do not believe. Why do people fail, fall into curses, and end up in hell? It is because of the gospel. It is because they do not believe nor know the gospel. The more we know the depths of the gospel the more we can connect with God to then go into the depths of prayer. That is why the most important thing on earth is to know the gospel. In verse 5 it says, "Jesus answered, " Truly truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God." There is only one way to enter God's kingdom. When you believe by the working of the Holy Spirit you can enter into the kingdom of God. Even though you are not baptized by the water when you accept Christ the Holy spirit will be at work where you will receive salvation. Why did the Lord speak about the water then? At that time they would repent and then be baptized by water. That is why the water signifies the cleansing and forgiveness of the blood. That is why when they would enter into the holy temple they had to wash themselves. That is why there was a water basin to wash themselves before entering. This signifies the purification and cleansing of their sins. The working of the Holy Spirit is what God has promised inside the gospel. When you accept Jesus Christ that is when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and after that He never departs from you. No matter how much sin you may commit, the Holy Spirit will never depart from you. That is why the working of the Holy Spirit and the cleansing of the sin works together to save us. That is why when you accept Jesus Christ the cleansing of the forgiveness of sin takes place, and at the same time the Holy Spirit is at work within you. This is your salvation. However Nicodemus the ruler of the Jews had no clue regarding this. He had no choice but to say such childish things like how an old man would have to enter their mothers womb a second time. Even if Jesus explained he could not understand a clue but by God's grace, later on, Nicodemus becomes a disciple of Jesus. This is what is recorded in John 19 verse 39, "Nicodemus also, who earlier has come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight." For the sake of Jesus' trade he brought it back to Jesus. For Nicodemus, who was the ruler of the Jews if others had seen him helping Jesus he would have had to let go of all his po-

litical authority. Regardless, he stood before Jesus as His disciple. When you correctly know the gospel then your spiritual eyes will be opened. For the gospel is the only way. If you do not possess the spiritual eyes you cannot connect with God. You must connect and communicate with God. You must be able to converse with God if not how can you communicate with Him. That is why your spiritual eyes must deeply be opened. That is why you must go into the depths of the gospel. Nothing else can take place except for this. There are some things that you must keep in mind within the spiritual aspect. There are many people who may not have the correct spiritual eyes. When you listen to them their spiritual eyes are very similar to the shamans. Of course it is rightful because that is the spiritual eyes the evil spirit gave them. If you want to correctly know a person's true colors you need to share the gospel to them. If you correctly share the gospel to them they get into a state where they cannot listen to you. You will see their true spiritual state of not being able to listen to the gospel. Before, this person approached telling me that she can speak in tongue as she prayed. The person tried to continuously contact me about speaking tongue but I no longer wanted to speak to her. She was taking the incorrect spiritual path. You must be able to possess the correct spiritual eyes to be able to connect with God. May you receive the blessing of 24 hours to communicate with God.

## **2. I am your life**

Nicodemus came to receive eternal life. He asks Jesus how he can receive eternal life. The conclusion Jesus says is that He is the eternal life. In verse 15 it says, "that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." In verse 16 it says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." This was the reason why Jesus had to take the cross. It is because Jesus' cross is the only hope for all man. To be honest, this is the only hope for all people. They had no choice but to die and go to the furnace of hell but yet it is Christ who has given us the hope for salvation. In verse 14 it states, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted." In the past I questioned why the serpent was lifted when it should be the Son of Man who should be lifted up. It didn't feel quite right for the serpent to be lifted up. Why did God allow Moses to lift up the serpent in the wilderness? It is written in Numbers 21 where it was the time where the people resented God and Moses. At that time God sent the fury serpents to bite the people and that is how many Isrealites died. They returned to Moses when all the people died saying to Moses that they will repent to God. Then when Moses went to God, He told Moses to make a bronze serpent and sit it on the pole so that everyone could see it. When they saw the serpent they were all healed. Why was it the bronze serpent that God told Moses to set it on the pole and lift it up. One day I came to realize that God didn't want the Isrealites to forget the fact that they were once bitten

by the serpent. God is saying that if you resent Him or the prophet Moses then there is no hope for you. Of course, you cannot receive the word of God and if you cannot receive the word you have no choice but to die. God says if you resent Him and the prophet Moses then you have no choice but to be bitten by the serpent. Then you will surely die. This was God's message to the Isrealites. He utilized the incident of the wilderness as the foreshadow of Christ who is going to die on the cross. So for all of those who look at the cross will be healed and saved. Nicodemus knew the incident for he was the ruler of the Jews. That is how Jesus was able to give the answer to Nicodemus. Jesus answered Nicodemus' question saying that He is the eternal life. I am your eternal life. I will be lifted like the bronze serpent that is why you must look at me. Then just like how they lived you will live like that as well. This is the way for you to receive eternal life and this is the reason why I have come. This is the answer and message God gave to Nicodemus. All man need eternal life for it is the most important thing to them. Everyone must all die and have no choice but to die yet it is of God's grace to be saved by them. We are truly thankful that we have the path to receive eternal life. King Solomon says this in Ecclesiastes 2, "Vanity vanity all is vanity." King Solomon says that everything is of vanity yet there is one thing that will last forever which is eternal life. This is your life as well. How is it possible that man became this state. He explained it in Genesis 3, "Your ancestor the decedent and Adam and Eve have broken the promise." This is how your life has come to be and you have no choice but to spiritually die. Yet for the sake of saving you I have given you a new covenant that is the offspring of a woman. That is how he will come and crush the serpent's head. This is your covenant. May you hold to the covenant once again. You will not only gain eternal life you will also be able to receive God's work upon you as well. God says with your effort and diligence you can never achieve victory or success it will all become in vain. Even for King Solomon he came to realize that he received all things from God yet it was all in vain. That is why you must restore the covenant and your spiritual eyes must come to see the only answer of the covenant. When you are able to truly restore the covenant you will be able to naturally serve God. Rightfully so you will keep the word that He commands to you with joy. From there you will go into the depths of the gospel. Whoever it may be as long as they are inside the gospel they will willingly serve and devote themselves for the gospel. For this is the unique blessing and this is where true happiness lies. I believe that this will become your blessing, authority, and joy.