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GOD'S VISION

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God Views all Life on Earth

- 2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV) —
- 9 For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war.”



God Views all Life on Earth

- Psalm 11:4 (NIV) —
- 4 The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them.



God Sees the Hearts and Thoughts of People

- Genesis 6:5 (NIV) —
- 5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.





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**THE PHYSICAL VISION OF
HUMAN BEINGS**

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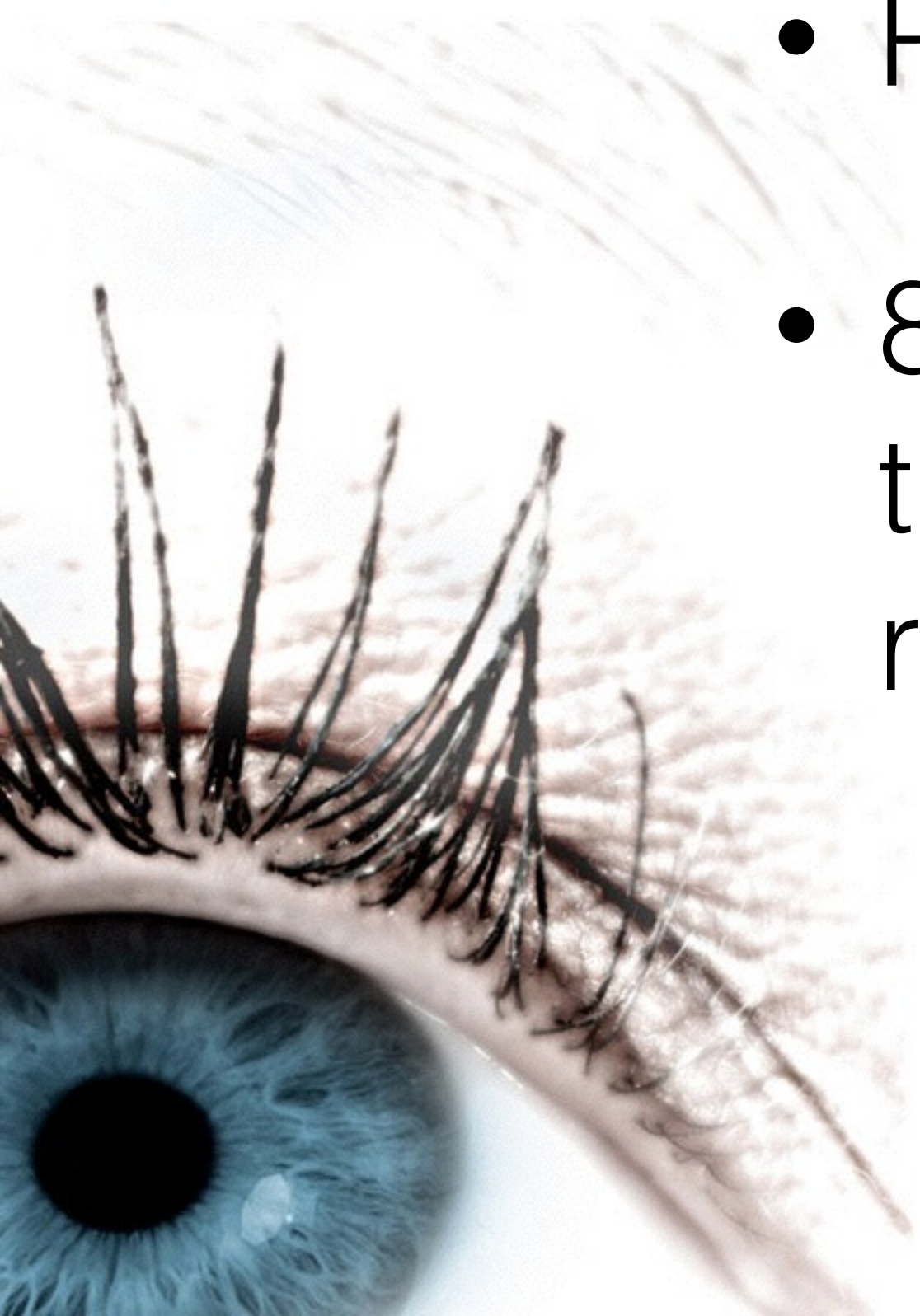
It is Given and Can be Taken by God

- Exodus 4:11 (NIV) —
- 11 The Lord said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord?”



It is Given and Can be Taken by God

- Psalm 146:8 (NIV) —
- 8 the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.



Jesus Christ Restores the Sight of the Blind

- Luke 4:18 (NIV) —
- 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,



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**PHYSICAL VISION HAS ITS
DANGERS**



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It Can Create Fear

- Job 41:9 (NIV) —
- 9 Any hope of subduing it is false; the mere sight of it is overpowering.



It Can Create Fear

- Joel 2:6 (NIV) —
- 6 At the sight of them, nations are in anguish; every face turns pale.



It Can Create Fear

- Matthew 28:3–4 (NIV) —
- 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.



It Can Create Fear

- Revelation 1:17 (NIV) —
- 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.



It Gives Rise to Temptation

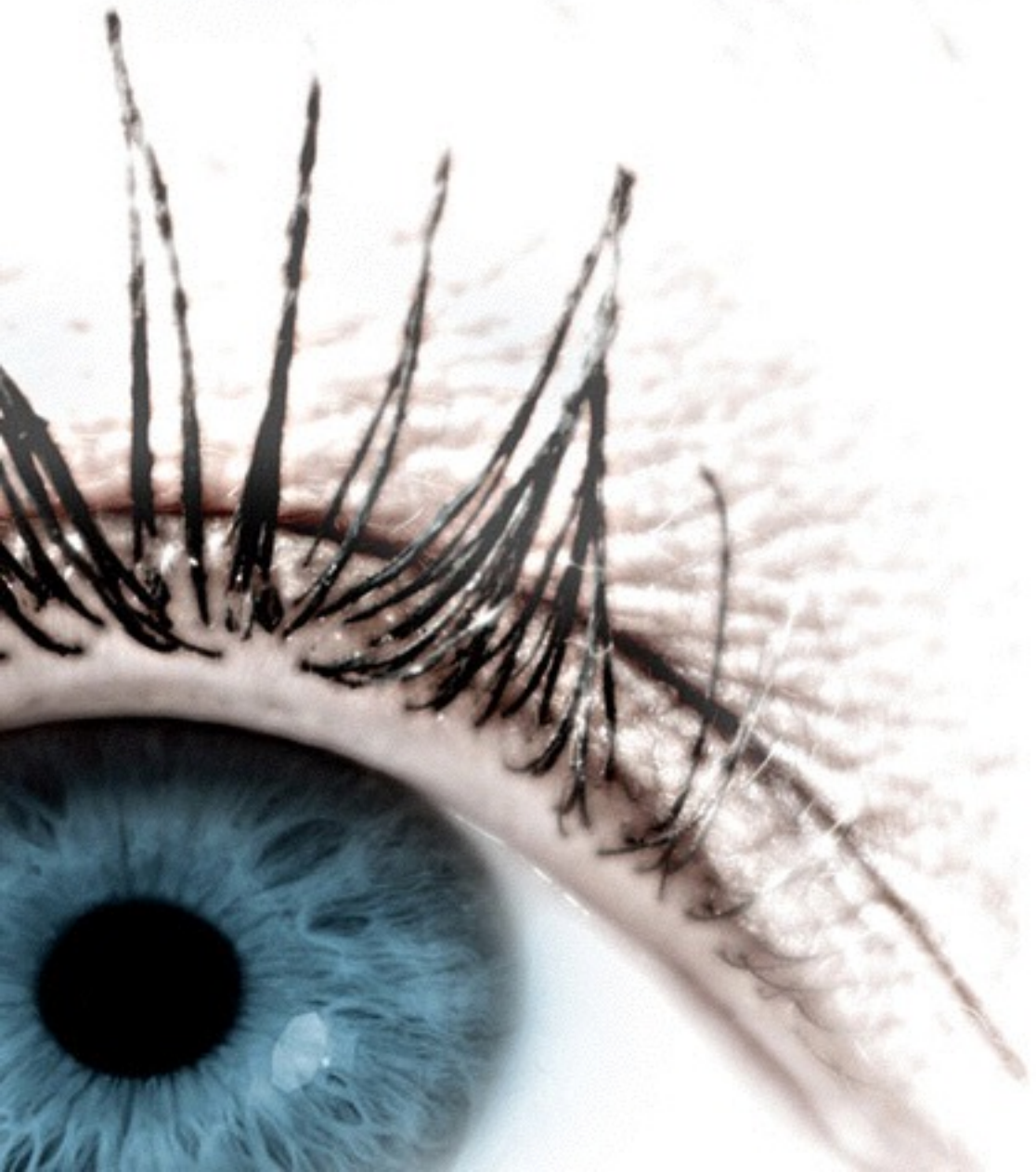
- 1 John 2:16 (NIV) —
- 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.





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**CHRISTIANS ARE TO LIVE BY
FAITH RATHER THAN BY
SIGHT**



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- Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) —
- 1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.



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SPIRITUAL VISION

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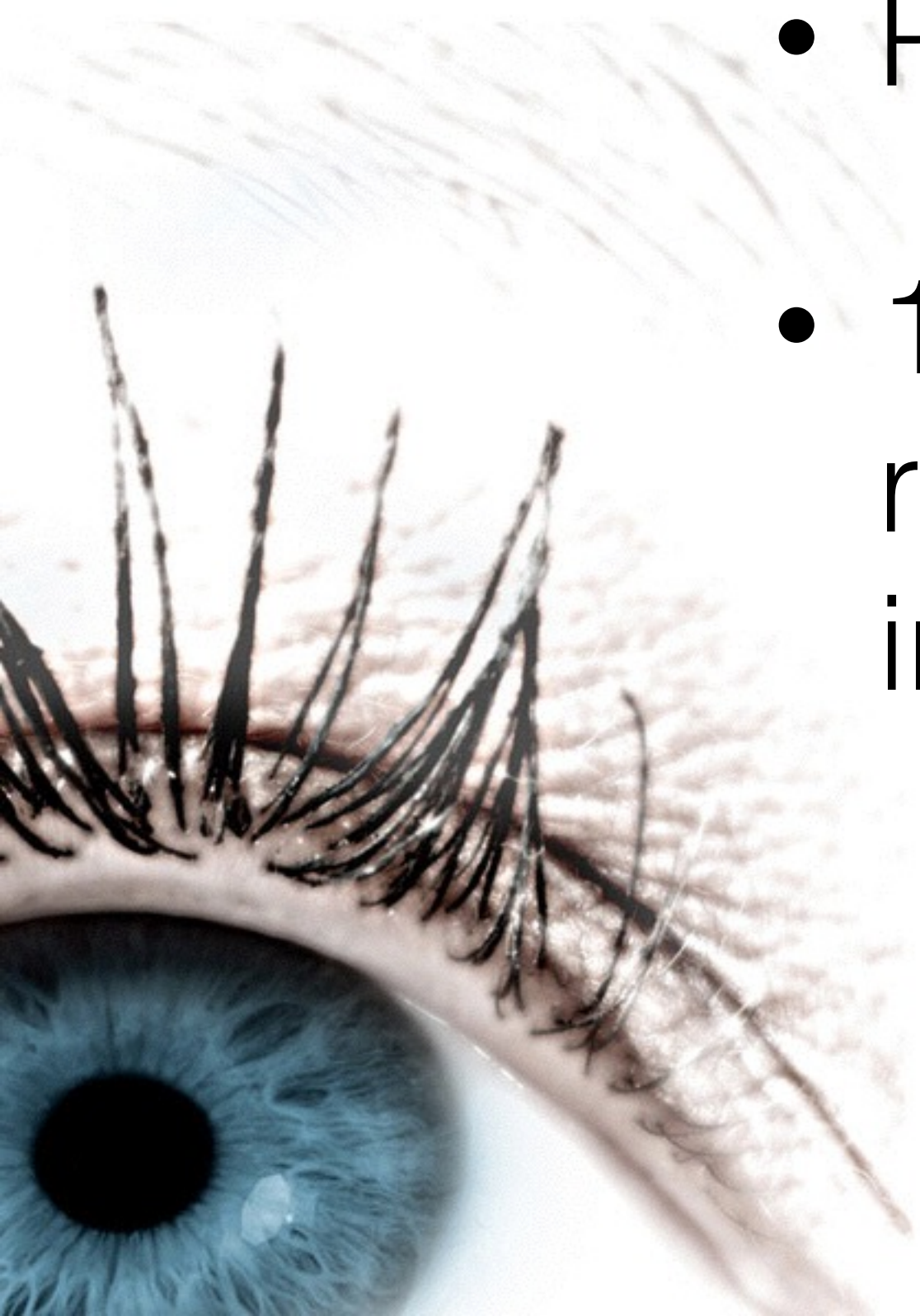
Seeing used Metaphorically for Spiritual Insight

- 2 Kings 6:17 (NIV) —
- 17 And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that 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.



Seeing used Metaphorically for Spiritual Insight

- Proverbs 29:18 (NIV) -
- 18 Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.



Spiritual Insight Given in Dreams or Visions

- Acts 2:17 (NIV) —
- 17 “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.



The OT Prophets had Visions from God

- Hosea 12:10 (NIV) —
- 10 I spoke to the prophets, gave them many visions and told parables through them.”



False Prophets in the OT Lacked True Vision

- Jeremiah 14:14 (NIV) —
- 14 Then the Lord said to me, “The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds.



False Prophets in the OT Lacked True Vision

- Jeremiah 23:16 (NIV) —
- 16 This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord.



False Prophets in the OT Lacked True Vision

- Lamentations 2:14 (NIV) —
- 14 The visions of your prophets were false and worthless; they did not expose your sin to ward off your captivity. The prophecies they gave you were false and misleading.



False Prophets in the OT Lacked True Vision

- Ezekiel 7:26 (NIV) — 26 Calamity upon calamity will come, and rumor upon rumor. They will go searching for a vision from the prophet, priestly instruction in the law will cease, the counsel of the elders will come to an end.
- Let's also read... Ezekiel 13:1–12 (NIV)

CONCLUSION

1. God's Vision
2. The Physical Vision of Human Beings
3. Physical Vision has its Dangers
4. Christians are to Live by Faith Rather than by Sight
5. Spiritual Vision

Hear

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



Believe

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him



Repent

Acts 17:30 (KJV)

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:



Confess

1 Timothy 6:12 (KJV)

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.



Be Baptized

Acts 22:16 (KJV)

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.



Remain Faithful

1 Corinthians 10:12 (KJV)

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.



The Plan of
Salvation

Man's Need:
Romans 3:23

1 HEAR
Romans 10:14, 17
Luke 6:47, 49

2 BELIEVE
Hebrews 11:6
Mark 16:16
James 2:24

3 REPENT
Acts 2:38
Acts 17:30
Acts 26:20

4 CONFESS
Romans 10:9-10
1 Timothy 6:12
Matthew 10:32-33

5 BE BAPTIZED
(Immersed in water as a believer)
Acts 2:38; 22:16
Romans 6:3-4
1 Peter 3:21

6 REMAIN FAITHFUL
Galatians 5:4
1 Corinthians 10:12
Revelation 2:10

The erring Christian can be restored by repentance and prayer (Acts 8:22).