Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

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6. ***Restoring*** **Sight** to a **Blind Beggar** (10:46-52)

[46] Then they came to **Jericho.**
And as **He** was **leaving Jericho** with **His disciples** and a **large crowd**,
a **blind beggar** *named* **Bartimaeus**, the son of **Timaeus**, was sitting by the road.

[47] When he heard that it was **Jesus the Nazarene**, he began to **cry out** and **say,**
"**Jesus, Son of David**, have **mercy** on me!"

[48] Many were sternly **telling him** to **be quiet**,
but he kept **crying out** all the more, "**Son of David**, have **mercy** on me!"

[49] And **Jesus stopped** and said, "Call him *here*."
So they called the **blind man,** saying to him,
"**Take courage**, ***stand up!*** **He** is **calling** for **you**."

[50] Throwing aside his cloak, he **jumped up** and **came to Jesus**.

[51] And answering him, **Jesus** said, "***What*** do you **want Me** to **do for you**?"
And the **blind man** said to **Him**, "**Rabboni**, *I want* to **regain my sight**!"

[52] And **Jesus** said to him, "**Go**; your **faith** has **made you well**."
Immediately he **regained his sight** and *began* **following Him** on the road.

Personal Application
"**Twas Blind** but now ***we*** **See**"

A. **We** can ***see*** and ***perceive*** the **things of God** through **His Spirit** that now ***indwells*** and **enlightens believers**.

...but just as it is **written**,"THINGS WHICH **EYE** HAS ***NOT*** **SEEN** AND **EAR** HAS ***NOT*** **HEARD**,
AND *which* HAVE ***NOT*** **ENTERED** THE **HEART OF MAN**,
ALL THAT **GOD HAS *PREPARED*** FOR **THOSE** WHO **LOVE HIM**."

For to ***us*** **God revealed** *them* through **the Spirit**;
for the **Spirit searches all things**, even the **depths of God**.

For who among **men** knows the ***thoughts*** of a **man**
except the **spirit** of **the man** which is **in him?**
Even so the ***thoughts*** **of God** no one **knows** except the **Spirit of God.**

Now **we have received**, ***not*** the **spirit** of the **world,**
but the **Spirit** who is **from God**, so that we may **know** the things **freely**
given to us **by God**, (I Corinthians 2:9-12)

B. For **we** were once in ***darkness*** and our **minds blinded** to the **truth**, but now **we** can ***see*** and ***perceive*** through the **light** of the **gospel**.

And even if our **gospel** is ***veiled***, it is ***veiled*** to those who are **perishing**,
in whose case the **god** of **this world** has **blinded** the **minds** of the **unbelieving**
so that they might **not see** the **light** of the **gospel** of the **glory of Messiah**,
who is the ***image*** **of God**. (II Corinthians 4:3-4)

But you are A **CHOSEN RACE**, A royal **PRIESTHOOD**, A **HOLY NATION**, A PEOPLE
FOR ***God's*** **OWN POSSESSION**, so that you may proclaim the **excellencies of Him**
who has ***called you*** out of **darkness** into **His marvelous light**;..(I Peter 2:9)

C. **We** were once in ***darkness*** concerning **God's inspired word**, but now **we** can ***see*** and ***perceive*** the **light** of the **knowledge of God** and **His purposes** that are contained in **His written word**.

Your word is a ***lamp*** to **my feet**
And **a *light*** to **my path**. (Psalm 119:105)

All Scripture is ***inspired*** **by God** and profitable for ***teaching***, for ***reproof***,
for ***correction***, for **training in *righteousness*** so that the **man of God;**
may be **adequate, equipped** for every **good work**. (II Timothy 3:16-17)

D. Like **Simeon** at the temple, we have ***seen*** the **Salvation of God**

...then he (**Simeon**) took **Him** (**Jesus**) into his arms, and **blessed God**, and said,

"**Now Lord, You** are ***releasing*** **Your bond-servant** to **depart in peace**,
according to ***Your word;***

For **my eyes** have ***seen*** **Your salvation**,
Which **You** have **prepared** in the **presence** of **all peoples**,

A **LIGHT OF REVELATION** TO THE **GENTILES,**
And the **glory** of **Your people Israel**." (Luke 2:28-32)

We have seen and **testify** that the **Father** has **sent the Son**
to be the **Savior of the world**. (I John 4:14)

E. **We** have ***seen*** (in **Messiah**) the **Image** and **Glory of God**

He (**Messiah**) is the **image** of the **invisible God**, the **firstborn** of **all creation**...

For **in Him *all*** the **fullness of deity dwells** in **bodily form**, (Colossians 1:15, 2:9)

For **God**, who said, "**Light** shall **shine out** of **darkness**," is the **One** who has
shone in our **hearts** to give the **Light** of the **knowledge** of the **glory of God**
in the ***face*** **of Messiah**. (II Corinthians 4:6)

F. **We** have ***seen*** the **Love of God**

By this the **love of God** was **manifested** in us, that **God** has **sent**
His only begotten Son into the **world** so that we might **live *through Him***.

In this is **love**, not that **we loved God**, but that **He loved us** and ***sent*** **His Son**
to be the ***propitiation*** for **our sins**. (I John 4:9-10)

But **God demonstrates His own love toward us**,
in that while we were **yet sinners**, **Messiah died** for **us.** (Romans 5:8)

G. **We** have ***seen*** the **Grace of God**

For of **His fullness** we have all **received**, and **grace** upon **grace**.

For the **Law** was given through ***Moses***;
grace and **truth** were **realized** through **Jesus the Messiah**. (John 1:16-17)

For the **grace of God** has ***appeared***, bringing **salvation** to **all men**, (Titus 2:11)

For by **grace** you have been **saved** through ***faith***;
and that not of yourselves, *it is* the **gift of God**; (Ephesians 2:8)

H. **We** have ***seen*** the **manifestation** of the **Wisdom of God**

...but we preach **Messiah crucified**, to **Jews** a ***stumbling block*** and to **Gentiles** ***foolishness***, but to **those** who are the **called**, both **Jews** and **Greeks**, **Messiah** the **power of God** and the **wisdom of God**.

But by **His doing** you are ***in*** **Messiah Jesus**, who became to us **wisdom from God**,..
(I Corinthians 1:23-24, 30a)

For I want you to know how great a **struggle I (Paul)** have on your behalf
and for those who are at **Laodicea**,..

that their **hearts** may be ***encouraged***, having been knit together **in *love***,
and *attaining* to all the ***wealth***
that comes from the **full assurance** of ***understanding***,

resulting in a **true knowledge** of **God's mystery**, *that is*, **Messiah *Himself***,
in whom are **hidden** all the **treasures** of **wisdom** and **knowledge**.
(Colossians 2:1-3)

I. **We** now ***see*** and ***perceive*** that, since the **beginning**, a ***spiritual*** **war** has been **waged** in the ***spiritual*** **realm** between the forces of **light** and those of **darkness**.

Put on the **full armor of God**, so that you will be able to **stand firm**
against the **schemes** of the **devil**.

For our **struggle** is ***not*** against **flesh** and **blood,** but against the **rulers,**
against the **powers**, against the **world forces** of this **darkness**,
against the **spiritual *forces* of wickedness** in the **heavenly *places***.
(Ephesians 6:11-12)

Let no one **deceive you** with **empty words**, for because of these things
the **wrath of God** comes upon the **sons of *disobedience***.

Therefore do **not** be **partakers** with them; for **you** were **formerly darkness**,
but **now you** are **Light** in **the Lord**; walk as **children of Light**
(for the **fruit** of the **Light** *consists* in all ***goodness*** and ***righteousness*** and ***truth***),
(Ephesians 5:6-9)

Closing Comments