



“ARE YOUR EYES STILL SEEING?”

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Ecclesiastes 1: 1-18 NKJV “1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. 2 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." 3 What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun? 4 One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever. 5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, And hastens to the place where it arose. 6 The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit. 7 All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again. 8 All things are full of labor; Man cannot express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing. 9 That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun. 10 Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us. 11 There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after. The Grief of Wisdom 12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind. 15 What is crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot be numbered. 16 I communed with my heart, saying, "Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and knowledge." 17 And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind. 18 For in much wisdom is much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.”



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Ecclesiastes 2:11-13 NKJV

"11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun. The End of the Wise and the Fool 12 Then I turned myself to consider wisdom and madness and folly; For what can the man do who succeeds the king? – Only what he has already done. 13 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly As light excels darkness."

Ecclesiastes 2:25 NKJV

25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I?

Mark 10:46-52 NKJV

46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." 50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. 51 So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

The preacher had accumulated everything in life and had everything he could ever want. But he realised it was all in vain.

Maybe you are too busy running after the things of this world. Can you really run after the wind and catch it? The preacher sat down and thought about what he was doing: he was rich, prosperous, had many wives, many slaves etc. He was well-to-do. If you are well-to-do then everybody wants to know you, to be with you, you have many cars but still all these things are like chasing after the wind.



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This day think about your life and check what I have thought, I have done, what did I do to get eternal life, or was what I was doing chasing the wind? The rich will die, the poor will die. Both will die.

You may be richer than rich but the preacher says It is all in vain, fashions, money, clothes, food etc are you chasing the wind? Are your eyes still seeing? Our eyes are the ones that get us into lots of trouble. When you look at somebody then you hear "Did you see so and so, he or she is better than you."

Let's be like blind Baertimus who could not see, all he wanted was Jesus Christ. Are my eyes still seeing? Are they still showing me the real things or they are showing me vain and useless things?

If Jesus Christ passed by here and you say all I want is to see Jesus Christ but you don't want him to off-load your baggage. Blind Bartimaeus screamed because he had put all his faith in Jesus Christ. Every day we come to church, loaded and still we go back with the loads. Let's shout like blind Bartimaeus so we can our help.

Be like blind Bartimaeus who screamed and shouted and asked Jesus Christ to help him, to have mercy on him. Some just want to go up and down with Jesus Christ, they want to go everywhere with Him but they are still loaded with baggage. Do yourself a favour and ask yourself these things "Are my eyes showing me vain and useless things?"

Our shoulders are loaded, we carry people in our hearts, and gossip, etc. This is baggage, a load. Ask Jesus Christ to take it away. Cry unto Jesus Christ and say Son of David, Have mercy on me and help me. Am I really preparing for the eternal life or am I chasing after the wind. You may hold silver and diamond with your hands but where will it take you? When you die it will just fall down. Use spiritual eyes and you will see that



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this is all in vain.

We watch other people enjoying themselves, their lives etc. Speak unto Jesus Christ and say "Have mercy on me son of David" let's not only prepare for this life, life of the flesh."

If you cry unto Him and He speaks on your behalf, your situation will change. Once you see God in your life, you will be full of praise and worship. The joys, niceties and good life of this world are all in vain and useless, walking around showing off, pride is in vain. It is useless. When people come to gossip, refuse to participate and say "I have already left this baggage behind, I don't want to carry it anymore." Do the same with all the other things that the bible is against. Don't take back the baggage.

These vain and useless things will profit us nothing. What has been before will come again and will be forgotten, including fashions. They come they pass and people forget about them, same with cars. This shows that it is vain and useless.

May our eyes be opened so we can see, so we can stop running after these things? Enjoy what you have. Be happy and content with what you are. Even if you could have the best of the best that nobody has, it is all in vain and useless.

God loves us whether we are rich or not. Do not copy somebody's life it won't take you nowhere. Live the life that God gave you, be yourself. The preacher says it is all in vain. It is a matter of temporary enjoyment. Rich or poor you will die.

Cry unto Jesus Christ, like blind Bartimaeus and say son of David have mercy on me. He knew that if he could just shout, even though Jesus Christ was not seeing him He would hear him and heal him.

Let's enjoy our own lives, don't live somebody's life. People fight to copy the life others. You waste time checking others, copying them. Open your eyes and focus



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on your life. God can't help you because you still too busy focused on the vain and useless things, still in useless competitions. One after the other. All these is in vain.

Life goes on, open your eyes and realise that this is all in vain.

Blind Bartimaeus could realise that he was blind. He was seated alongside the road, just like you maybe, looking at other people, day in day out, the whole day, and life is passing you by. By the time you wake up and ask yourself why did I waste so much time, life is gone, I have no other chance. It may be at home or wherever, focus on your life. Nobody will be prevented from going to heaven because you had no food to eat or your food was tomatoes.

Look ahead and focus on your life and cry unto Jesus Christ.

Psalm 139:4 this one thing I ask of you Lord. From birth until now, what have I done, yes you may be rich, and there is nothing wrong with being rich, but the riches of this world profit the flesh, what have I accumulated for my life? What about your soul? Gossip? If you are still doing these things then you are still carrying your baggage.

People will die and leave behind the riches, but the question is have you prepared something for your soul?

Blind Bartimaeus was not embarrassed because of the crowd, they tried to shut him up down but this made him shout the louder. You are still ashamed, what will people think of me? Even today you are too embarrassed to cry unto the Lord. The things of the flesh are not different from running after the wind, they are vain and useless.

Some people are prayed for at church but still leave church sick: why, because of



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lack of faith. Believe: Jesus Christ will solve my problem.

Ask yourself why am I prayed for every day but still my problems persist? Cry unto Him and ask Him to take your baggage.

May God help you and open your eyes to realise that I am old, what have I done to prepare for my soul?

You were healed and then later you forgot and went after your old baggage and took back upon you. Some people are proud of the sins in their lives: anger, stubbornness etc. Let me tell you this, you are still carrying your baggage. These baggage is all in vain.

Cry unto Jesus Christ to help you off-load your baggage.

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