



# EYES THAT SEE

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# METAPHORS



*A **metaphor** is an imaginative way of describing something by referring to something else which is the same in a particular way.*

*- Collins Dictionary*



*Ears that hear and **eyes** that **see**—  
the LORD has made them both.*

*Proverbs 20:12 (NIV)*

*To see, one thing is needed...*

A bright white sunburst with rays and lens flares on a black background. The sunburst is centered and radiates outwards, with several lens flares visible on the left and right sides.

**LIGHT**



**WHAT IS DARKNESS?**

*And this is the judgment: the light has  
come into the world, and people loved  
the **darkness** rather than the light  
because their **works** were **evil**.*

*- 1 John 3:19 (ESV)*



*Take no part in the **unfruitful works** of **darkness**, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they **do in secret**. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible.*

*Ephesians 5:11-13 (ESV)*

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer **walk as the Gentiles do**, in the futility of their minds. They are **darkened** in their **understanding**, **alienated from the life of God** because of the **ignorance** that is in them, due to their **hardness of heart**. They have become callous and have given themselves up to **sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity**.

Ephesians 4:17-19 (ESV)

## **Romans 1:21-32 (ESV)**

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became **futile** in their **thinking**, and their **foolish hearts** were **darkened**. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Therefore God gave them up in the **lusts of their hearts** to **impurity**, to the **dishonoring of their bodies** among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to **dishonorable passions**. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing **shameless acts** with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a **debased mind** to do what ought not to be done. They were **filled** with all manner of **unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice**. They are **full** of **envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness**. They are **gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless**. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.



**Darkness** or not being able to see  
is a mind-related issue.

He said, “Go and tell these people: “Listen continually, but don’t understand. **Look** continually, but don’t **perceive**.’ Make the **hearts** of these people calloused; make their ears deaf and their **eyes blind**. Otherwise they might **see** with their **eyes** and hear with their ears, their **hearts** might **understand** and they might repent and be healed.”

Isaiah 6:9-10



If **darkness** or not being able to see is a  
**mind-related** issue,  
we can expect that the same applies to  
**light** and seeing.

A vertical beam of light, appearing as a cone of particles or dust, shines from the top center of the frame down towards the bottom. The beam is brightest at the top and fades into the surrounding black background as it descends. The overall image is dark and atmospheric, suggesting a scientific or philosophical inquiry.

**WHAT IS LIGHT?**





**The dual nature of Light**

A beam of light shines down from the top center, creating a triangular shape on a dark surface. The light is bright yellow at the top and fades to a dark grey at the bottom. The text is centered within this light beam.

**WHAT IS LIGHT TO THE  
BELIEVER?**



Your **word** is a lamp to my feet and a **light** to my path.

*Psalm 119:105 (ESV)*



# **THE WORD:** Spoken/Written

Psalmist/Ancient Israelite: The Torah

The first-century Jew: The law and the Prophets

Post Resurrection: *Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV)*



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*In the past God **spoke** to our ancestors through the **prophets** at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has **spoken** to us by **his Son**, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.*

# THE WORD: The Person/Matter



*In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.*

*John 1:1 (ESV)*

*The **Word** became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*John 1:14 (NIV)*

# THE WORD: The Person/Matter



*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have **touched**—this we proclaim concerning the **Word of life**.*

*1 John 1:1 NIV*

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the **light** of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in **darkness**, but will have the **light of life**.”*

*John 8:12 NASB*

*Psalm 36:7-9 NET*

*How precious is your loyal love, O God!*

*The human race finds shelter under your wings. They are filled with **food** from your house, and you allow them to drink from the river of your delicacies. For with you is the fountain of life; in your **light** we **see light**.*

*John 6:68 (ESV)*

*Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have** the **words** of **eternal life***



**Light**, just as water and food, is essential for living.

- We need something to see - **Light**
- That **light** can only come from the Father/The Son
- If you have saving faith in Christ you have **light**

*Colossians 1:9-14 (ESV)*

*And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints **in light**. He has delivered us from the domain of **darkness** and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the **forgiveness of sins**.*

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**WHY IS CONTINUAL FILLING OF  
KNOWLEDGE IMPORTANT?**



The risk of **blindness** is ever present

2 Peter 1:2-11 (NET)

...May grace and peace be lavished on you as you **grow** in the **rich knowledge** of God and of Jesus our Lord! I can pray this because his divine power has bestowed on us everything necessary for life and godliness through the **rich knowledge** of the one who called us by his own glory and excellence. Through these things he has bestowed on us his precious and most magnificent promises, so that by means of what was promised you may become partakers of the divine nature, after escaping the worldly corruption that is produced by evil desire. For this very reason, **make every effort** to add to your faith excellence, to excellence, knowledge; to knowledge, self-control; to self-control, perseverance; to perseverance, godliness; to godliness, brotherly affection; to brotherly affection, unselfish love.

For if these things are **really** yours and are **continually** increasing, they will keep you from becoming ineffective and unproductive in your pursuit of knowing our Lord Jesus Christ more intimately. **But** concerning the one who **lacks** such things—**he is blind**. That is to say, he is **nearsighted**, since he has **forgotten** about the **cleansing of his past sins**. Therefore, brothers and sisters, **make every** effort to be sure of your calling and election. For by doing this **you will never stumble into sin**. For thus an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be richly provided for you.





# **THE WRITTEN WORD**

Wrong **theology** may be costly

Wrong interpretation of Scriptures leads to **wrong believing**

Wrong beliefs equate to loss of truth

Loss of truth results in loss of freedom

Loss of freedom equates to bondage and potentially leads to **destruction**

**-DECEPTION/FALSE DOCTRINE**

**-ASCETICISM**

## 2 Peter 3:14-18 (NET)

Therefore, dear friends, since you are waiting for these things, strive to be found at peace, without spot or blemish, when you come into his presence. And regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as also our dear brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him, speaking of these things in all his letters. Some things in these letters are hard to understand, **things the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction**, as they also do to the **rest of the scriptures**. Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard that you do not get **led astray by the error** of these unprincipled men and fall from your firm grasp on the truth. But **grow** in the grace and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the honor both now and on that eternal day.

# COMMON EXAMPLES

# Grasping the truth of scripture helps us see clearly



How we see

- God
- Self (identity)
- Fellow believers (1 Timothy 5:1-2 )
- Others (Luke 10:25-37 )



**WHAT TRANSLATION  
DO YOU USE?**



# **THE IMPERATIVES**

- Take responsibility for your 'sight' (*Make every effort -2 Peter 1:2-11*)
- Do not develop itching ears (*2 Timothy 4:3-4*)
- Do not be in isolation (*Luke 2:46-52*)
- Learn Hermeneutics

# **SUMMARY**