

Lecture No. 43

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. **The Seeing Eye** .

No. 1.) Today we are going to talk about our spiritual eyesight, what it takes to make it better, what it takes to loose it, what it takes to get it back, and what it's importance is.

No. 2.) It is a notable thing that, **one**, the message to the Laodiceans applies to the SDAs at this time, **two**, that Laodiceans universally flatter themselves “that they are all right, and in favor with God, rich in spiritual discernment, when they are blind, poor, and wretched.”

No.23p.12. Sad state of affairs. We know from No.16p.96 that we are in the waiting, watching time, and have been so since October 22, 1844.

This time, so painfully trying patience, is the very trial that is general to all, and must be passed through as we are refining our characters for the grave or translation at the Second Coming. Please give these words some thought.

No. 3.) Then there are the other trials that we all also go through, of which, the one common thing is that we need rebuke and reproof; therefore, in God's own chosen way, we get the rebuke needed through the Spirit of Prophecy. Listen as I read now, “[The spirit of hatred which has existed with some because the wrongs among God's people have](#)

been reprov'd, has brought blindness and a fearful deception upon their own souls, making it impossible for them to discriminate between right and wrong. **They have put out their own spiritual eyesight.** They may witness wrongs, but they do not feel as did Joshua, and humble their souls in humiliation because the danger of souls is felt by them. p. 21, Para. 3, [23OT].

In the temptation of our first parents, it seemed a small matter to transgress the command of God in one small act, and eat of the tree beautiful to the eye and pleasant to the taste. To the transgressors, this was but a small act; *but it destroyed their allegiance to God*, and opened a flood of woe and guilt which has deluged the world. Who can know, in the moment of temptation, the terrible consequences which will result from one wrong, hasty step. Our only safety is to be shielded by the grace of God every moment, *and not put out our own spiritual eyesight so that we will call evil good, and good, evil.* Without hesitation or argument, we must close and guard the avenues of the soul against evil. p. 98, Para. 1, [23OT].

It costs us an effort to secure eternal life. It is only by long and persevering efforts, sore discipline, and stern conflict, that we shall be overcomers. But if we patiently and determinedly, in the name of the Conqueror who overcame in our behalf in the wilderness of temptation, overcome as he overcame, we shall have the eternal reward. Our efforts, our self-denial, our perseverance, must be

proportionate to the infinite value of the object we are in pursuit of. p. 98, Para. 2, [23OT].

No. 4.) We might do well to remember God’s words to Cain, “Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.” God has poured out all in the giving of his Son, Jesus, to save us, but he will not force us in any way, we must choose.

The following counsel from God is designed to counteract the evil of the world that so many of us are snared by, it is the message to the Laodiceans.

No. 5.) The True Witness counsels us to buy of him gold tried in the fire, white raiment and eye-salve. The gold here recommended as having been tried in the fire, is faith and love which maketh the heart rich, for if it has been purged until it is pure and the more it is tested the more brilliant is its luster. The white raiment is purity of character, the righteousness of Christ imparted to the sinner. This is indeed a garment of heavenly texture that can be bought only of Jesus Christ for a life of willing obedience. The eye-salve is that wisdom and grace which enables us to discern the evil from the good and detect sin under any guise. God has given eyes to his church, and he requires them to be anointed with wisdom that they may see clearly, but many would put out the eyes of the church if they could, for they would not have their deeds

come to the light lest they should be reprov'd. The divine eye-salve will impart clearness to the understanding. Christ is the repository of all graces. He says "Buy of me." p. 121, Para. 3, [26OT].

No. 6.) Re-cap: In these words we have found the great importance of having spiritual eyesight, for it gives us a much more clear understanding; the way this eyesight is lost by the great mass of professors, by their rejection of God's reproof, given through the man of God's own choice; and how to buy it from the salesman of Salvation, Christ. Amazing concepts! Think about your salvation.

And that is...

~ **The End** ~

of our Presentation for Today,

God Bless your Study

