

Introduction:

Good to SEE YOU! FLL Glasses story

- Arrived Monday night about 10 pm but I honestly did not feel like I arrived until Tuesday night.....
- Old glasses, broken glasses, reading glasses, NEW glasses

I. Good Eye / Twisted Eye: Scripture contrasts the two.

A. *The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good(clear), your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your eye is bad(evil), your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!* Matthew 6:22-23

1. That verse is not talking about a problem with the actual eye but the lens through which we see life.
2. Are we seeing life through our spiritual eyes, enlightened by the Holy Spirit?
3. Are we seeing life through the perspective of the world?
 - News media manipulation – reference Tim’s message
4. Are we seeing life through old revelation? Or have our lenses been actualized or made up to date?

II. VISION (Terri Terry) w/o a vision my people perish

A. *Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.* Proverbs 29:18 KJV

1. Without a vision the people perish.
2. The word vision in Hebrew means “a good look at God”
3. Perish is an idiom which means “their hair braids get messy” Or “they get messed up in the head”
4. To a certain degree we are all, messed up in the head.

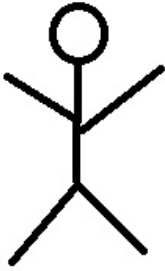
B. *Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.* I Cor 13:12 NLT

C. *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.* I John 3:2

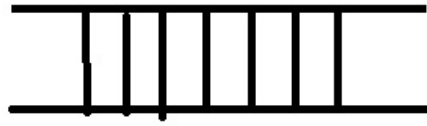
III. Worship _ What it is:

A. Hebrew word **שח** Strong's #7812 is used as an action toward God, the translators translate this **word** as "**worship**". However, when this same **Hebrew word** is used as an action toward another man, the translators translate this **word** as "obeisance," "bowed" or "bow down".

B. "Worship" in Hebrew **שח**



Heh or Huh sound
Air that is moving



Bridge-Connect
(fence)



Burr: Become attached in
order to become whole

- C. Strong's Definition: **הָכַחַּ** **shâchâh**, shaw-khaw'; a primitive root; to depress, i.e. prostrate (especially reflexive, in homage to royalty or God):—bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.
- D. REMEMBER VISION = TO GET A GOOD GLIMPSE OF GOD
- E. The culture of worship in your life is cultivated as you:
1. Acknowledge God's greatness and His nature
 - o He is omnipotent
 - o He is omniscient
 - o He is omnipresent
 - o He is love
 - o He is immutable
 2. Remember His mighty acts
 - o What has God done for you?
 - o Reflect on His redemptive work

IV. WHO HE IS

- A. *Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.* Psalm 145:3
- B. *You are worthy, our Lord and God to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.* Rev. 4:11

V. WHO WE ARE

- A. We were created in the Image of God (Gen. 1:27) We bear his image. We were designed to be in communion with the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. This relationship illicitly worship!
- B. We were created with the capacity to worship - Every culture in all history you find worship going on. There is something inside of us that desires to connect with the divine.
- C. EVERYONE WORSHIPS ALL THE TIME
- D. Worship is in contrast to IDOLATRY (which is vain and unfulfilling)
- E. But if we will not acknowledge God we will be given over to a depraved mind.

- F. *Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. Rom 1:20*
- G. *They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator who is forever praised. Rom 1:25*
 - 1. They left having a good eye and obtained a twisted eye.
 - 2. **Y'sterra** - in context with The tree of knowledge of Good and Evil
 - o Means: the inability to see God clearly
 - o Hysteria - was what I found when I tried to google this word.
 - o *Without a good glimpse of God the people perish > get messed up in the head.

VI. CALLING HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP IN THE WILDERNESS

- A. *Then announce to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to tell you, "Let my people go, so they can worship me in the wilderness." Exodus 7:16 NLT*
- B. The wilderness is a dry, hot uninhabited, lonely place....that shouts desolation.
 - 1. Ej Wilderness by the Jordan River in Israel vs my idea of the wilderness.
 - 2. Wilderness of COVID
 - o Guatemala: curfew, isolation
- C. Why would God take me into the wilderness?
 - 1. Israel/Egypt: The evil we need to be delivered of is inside of us
 - 2. God knew what was in the heart of his people. They had been influenced and had adapted to an ungodly culture. They would very soon turn from worshiping God to worshipping idols.

VII. TRANSFORMATION BY SETTING OUR FOCUS ON GOD

- A. Worship in Spirit and Truth.
 - 1. "Spirit" Ruah or breath
 - 2. Truth means to actualize it – we actualize our behavior when we get a good look at God
 - 3. *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."John 4:23-24*
- B. Changed from the inside out
 - 1. *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Rom. 12:2 NASB*
 - 2. *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as ^{la}by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor 3:18*
 - 3. *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. I John 3:2*
- C. God's goal is that we learn to lean on Him.

1. *Who is this that comes up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved? Song of Solomon 8:5a*
2. Matthew Henry's concise commentary 8:5-7 The Jewish church came up from the wilderness, supported by Divine power and favor. The Christian church was raised from a low, desolate condition, by the grace of Christ relied on. Believers, by the power of grace, are brought up from the wilderness. A sinful state is a wilderness in which there is no true comfort; it is a wandering, wanting state: There is no coming out of this wilderness, but leaning on Christ as our Beloved, by faith; not leaning to our own understanding, nor trusting in any righteousness of our own; but in the strength of him, who is the Lord our Righteousness. The words of the church to Christ which follow, entreat an abiding place in his love, and protection by his power.

D. Gods plan:

1. He takes us into the wilderness to strip us of our own self righteousness and show our neediness
2. We submit to the process of Transformation
3. He gives us a clear vision of who He is
4. He removes the Egypt (worldliness) from inside of us
5. He brings us up out of the wilderness leaning upon Him

E. From *Silent Songs of Worship* by Terri Terry

1. "Worship for too long has been a vehicle that the church has used for it's own pleasure. Expecting to experience God's presence because we have performed a ritual is not worship – rather it smells of incantation." (Page 26)
2. "A Prayer in the Wilderness - Lord, as I take my first faltering steps into the sand, I hear Your song calling me. I wish I could rejoice or shout, or be boldly courageous. But I cannot. There is no bravado here. I am frightened by the wilderness. What will I loose? Yet I am more frightened by my future if I do not follow You. Still, I would rather loose me than You. Help me, Lord. Don't let anything turn me back. And when my days are accomplished, cause me to come up from the wilderness singing with You. Jesus, draw me nearer." (Page 34)

Appendix

- Biblical worship is expressed not only with our whole life but with our whole body.
- ***I beseech^[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your ^[b]reasonable service. Rom. 12:1***
- The Biblical model presents corporate praise as a whole group activity. NOT entertainment or to put on a show. Everyone is to participate, NOT spectate.
- It is not a "if I feel like it" option.
- Different words for Worship in the original language.
 1. Shabach (Ps. 145:4) Shout praise. Express confidence in God's ability.
 2. Barach (Ps. 95:6) **Kneel, bless** the Lord. Express humility. It is what God did in Genesis. He blessed creation. God got down on his knee and said, "I give you the gift of myself"
 3. Yadah (Ps. 63:1) The extended hand. Expresses gratitude, thankfulness and surrender. Heart engaged. Hands raised.
 4. Towdah (Ps 50:23) Thank-Praise hands raised as in an act of the will - obedience. Just do it. The raised hand expresses adoration.
 5. Taqa (Ps. 47:1) Clap, applaud. Expresses joy and victory.
 6. Hallel (Ps 148-150, Ps 22:22) Celebrate extravagantly. The root word of "hallelujah" which means "praise (halla) to jah (God)" Expresses joy, jubilation and celebration. You have seen something extraordinary....you have received a glimpse of God.... A natural response would be to shout and run the aisles.
 7. Tehillah (Ps 33:1) Singing scripture to instruct and to encourage. A NEW song talking about how worthy He is. It is a compliment to God. Many of the Psalms were "new songs" **But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. Ps 22:3** He is enthroned on the NEW SONG of his people.
 8. Tephillah (Ps 39:12) Prayer, often sung as intercession and petition **"Hear my prayer, O LORD, And give ear to my cry;..." Psalm 39:12**
 9. Kara (2 Sam 6:14) Dance. Expresses joy and celebration. **Then David danced^[a] before the LORD with all his might; 2 Sam 6:14**
 10. Zamar (Ps 4 and 6, 7:17) *Make music on strings or parts of a musical instrument. When we play instrumentally to facilitate a holy atmosphere, it's not just church cocktail music, it's ZAMAR.*
- Greek Word is "**proskuneo.**" According to Strong's Concordance "proskuneo" means "to kiss" as in to kiss the hand of a superior. ... Some scholars believe the **word** actually is derived from the idea of a dog licking its masters hand.
- Old English weorbscipe, **meaning** to venerate "**worship**, honour shown to an object, which has been etymologised as "worthiness or worth-ship"—to give, at its simplest, worth to something.