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"A Single Eye"

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God is taking us back to the Garden of Eden. He is swallowing up the tree of knowledge of good and evil from within us. **He is bringing us to a place in Him where we will walk with a "Single Eye" in the realm of Faith, Hope, and Love to never go out again.** It is from this realm that He is establishing His Kingdom in the earth, through you and me.

When you walk in the realm of Faith, Hope, and Love, you are aware of the Father's energy and Life flowing out of you to others. You are so full of His Joy and Love, that your desire is for everybody to have and experience what you have in Him. However, some people, because of where they are in their mind (still eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil), can't even stand to be around you. They can't handle being in the presence of the Christ in you. Some actually hate you because of it. Jesus said in John 15:18-19, *"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."* They hate you because the presence of God in you is

convicting them of their sin and exposing what is hidden within them. No matter where people are at, the Father has taught us that if we will continue to look at these people through His eyes (seeing them as He sees them), rather than getting caught up in the negative thoughts they are projecting towards us, and focussing on their sin - we will see a change (transformation) take place in them over time.

To give you an example of this: the Father sends us to a particular store each morning to minister to people. When we first started going there, we used to get offended because hate would just radiate from this one Muslim individual towards us. One morning the Lord spoke to me and said, "Do not look at him as a Muslim. Do not look at the hate that is in him. **JUST LOVE HIM!** Do not go down into that lower realm where he is in hate and anger. You are called to walk in mercy, compassion, and forgiveness." In this realm, the Love of God is to flow out of us constantly (without exception) to **EVERY INDIVIDUAL!**

Father kept sending us back there with a big smile on our face, and over time I have watched the hate in this individual turn into a

smile. **LOVE CONQUERS ALL! LOVE NEVER FAILS!**

Jesus said in Matthew 5:44-45, *"...Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven..."*. This means that our conversation and the way we speak about our enemies must also change! You can no longer run around being a talebearer, telling stories about any person. The more we walk in this realm, the less our conversation will go outside of Faith, Hope, and Love towards other people. If you are walking in this realm, all you will have to share with others will **BE IN FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE!**

Yes, we have to deal with the darkness and the negative thoughts that are in other people's minds - but we do **NOT** have to become one with them!

YOU ARE TO BE THE LIGHT. AS YOUR LIGHT (the Light of God in you/the Christ/your True-self) **BECOMES BIGGER AND STRONGER** (in Faith, Hope, and Love), **IT CONSUMES NOT ONLY THE DARKNESS THAT REMAINS IN YOU, BUT IT ALSO CONSUMES THE**

DARKNESS IN THOSE AROUND YOU (bringing them into Faith, Hope, and Love as well)!

I remember a woman that would come to a church I used to go to a long time ago. She was a little out of the ordinary in her behavior. Every Sunday she stood up and said all kinds of things. The people got so irritated with her that they wanted to get rid of her. But God spoke to me and said, "I'm not going to remove her from this place until they learn to Love her. I'm not going to remove her from your presence until they stop looking at her through their natural eyes and begin to see her as I see her."

There is a reason and a purpose for everything in your life, and God is using all of these things to your good! He is using all of your circumstances, situations, and even the people in your life to bring about a change in you. Far too often we have looked upon the appearance of things, and waited for our situations and the people around us to change. But the Father has been telling us that we are not to focus on the outside (on what other people are doing), but rather we are to be focussed upon the changes that He desires to make in us.

He is transforming us through the renewing of our minds. He is doing this through His Word by dealing with the thoughts in our minds. We are called to walk in the mind of Christ at all times, and we are suppose to eat only from the Tree of Life. Even knowing this, we still continue to feed from the tree of knowledge of good and evil as well. Why do we do this? Because

there are still thoughts, and patterns of thinking that remain in us that are not like Christ; and when we choose to listen to (feed upon) these thoughts we walk out of the Spirit.

God allows certain situations/people to come into our lives to bring these things to the surface where we can see them. He does this to make us aware of what we are feeding on (thoughts in our mind), because whatever we feed on, either becomes Life or death to us.

God said in Deuteronomy chapter 30, "*See I have set before thee this day LIFE AND GOOD, and death and evil...I have set before you LIFE and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose LIFE, that both thou and thy seed may LIVE.*" He said this because He wants you to be aware of not only what is still in your mind, but also of the responsibility He has given to you to choose moment by moment, LIFE or death! He wants you to understand the significance of your choices. There are consequences you will reap as a result of those choices. Life, Good, and Blessing if you eat from the Tree of Life - or death, evil and cursing if you eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

If you choose to feed from the tree of knowledge of good and evil (the carnal mind) that is an enmity (enemy) against God, you will experience hell and death in your mind. But if you eat from the Tree of Life, which is the Word and the Spirit, you experience His Peace, His Joy, and His Resurrection Life. We must choose whether we want to walk in the night, in darkness

and ignorance, void of the understanding and wisdom of God; or walk in the Day/Light of God in the mind of Christ.

There is a reason and a purpose for everything that comes into your life. Nothing comes into it unless if God allows it. "*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven*" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). God is using everything to your good. He even has a purpose for the nights that you experience in your mind, because it is during the night that all the creeping things (that have been hidden in you) come out of hiding and are exposed by the Light of God/the Word and the Spirit. As long as there are things left in your soul (things that are not like the Nature of God) that need to be purged and cleaned up, God will continue to allow these nights to come in your mind.

Have you ever noticed that even in the natural, the creeping things like roaches, crickets, rats, and mice, will not come out of hiding until the night sets in? Have you also noticed, that just about all rats eat is garbage? What goes in (what you feed on in your mind), is also what eventually comes out and manifests itself one way or another.

The only time you experience a night, is when you walk out of the Spirit and begin to listen to the serpent (your self-will) talk to you in your mind (soul). If you feed on garbage (the tree of knowledge of good and evil/the negative thoughts and carnal reasoning of the soul in the realm of appearances) - then garbage is what will eventually come to the

surface and manifest itself through your thoughts, words, and deeds.

God allows these nights to come in your mind, to show you your thought patterns and what you are feeding on - Life or death. The nights are literally hell in your mind; but you have got to keep in your mind and never lose sight of the fact that God is using it all to your good! Psalms 30:5 says, "...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

When you make a mistake and blow it, He wants you to see what it was (in you) that got you off track and caused you to act, react, say, or do whatever it was that you did. When you blow it, you are not to beat yourself up over it; but you do need to repent and learn from it. He wants you to be aware of (but not focus on) the creeping things that are still in you, and then allow Him to deal with them.

When you experience a night (the wilderness) in your mind, no matter what your situation is, you must trust Him and rely on the Word. Even though things might look terrible to the natural eye, you have got to stay focussed on the positive. Keep your eyes fixed on the goal!

When you look at what God allowed to take place in Job's life, to the natural eye things must have looked terrible to Job and those around him. Things seemed (in the realm of appearances) to just keep going from bad to worse. It must have been very difficult for Job to see, let alone say that anything good could possibly come out of his situation. In Job chapter 42, Job was finally able to see what God

was doing in his life. He was finally able to see God's hand in all that had gone on. He saw that those things that man would call evil, God was using to his good!

Job said in verses 4-5, "*Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of Thee, and declare Thou unto me. I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear* (with his natural ears): **BUT NOW MINE EYE SEETH THEE.**"

What changed in Job that allowed him to see (understand) what he did? When Job finally got his eyes (natural eyes - plural) off of his problems (in the realm of appearances) and put them back on God, he was able to arise (in the Spirit) above his situations to where he could see them with a "Single Eye". Here, Job saw (understood) for the first time that God was in control, and that nothing could happen to him unless God allowed it. He understood that no matter how bad things looked on the outside, God had allowed these things to take place in his life for a purpose. God knew exactly what He was doing. He understood that things didn't just happen to him by accident, but that God had a plan, and knew exactly what it would take to bring that plan to fruition in Job's life. Here, in the mind of Christ, Job began to see the end result of what God was doing in him - and all he could see was the GOOD that was going to come out of it!

Whenever you partake of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, your soul withdraws itself from the Word and the Spirit and goes right into the carnal realm of reasoning. There, the serpent (your self-will) begins to talk to

you (in your mind). It will say, "Well look at what they're doing. Surely you will not die." If you listen to (focus your attention on/feed on) those things long enough, your mind begins to believe and become one with them. Your mind will actually try to reason things out and even justify (or defend) what you are doing, thinking, or saying. It will lie to you and tell you that you have a right to feel the way you do, say the things you do, and do the things you do - when in reality, it only brings death.

When your mind believes the lies that are told to it either from within, or by others - imaginations and illusions begin to set in, creating strongholds or barrier's that get in the way of your relationship and walk with God. Until you are able to see these things for what they are IN TRUTH and allow God to deal with these creeping thoughts in your mind - you will continue to feed from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

When we look at people with our natural eyes, our mind tends to focus on either the negative in that individual, or how they differ from ourselves. People who are prejudice are often still looking at color. They do this out of ignorance, lacking both knowledge and understanding. They allow anger to rise up within them and blind them from the truth. The same is true when you become agitated and angry with an individual over what they are doing. The anger within you blinds you to the Truth, because you have walked out of the realm of faith, Hope, and Love.

One thing I learned a long time ago, was that whenever I started to focus on the downfalls and shortcomings in loved ones and other people - I would always get agitated and angry. If I focussed on their negative behavior and only looked upon the outward appearance of what they were doing - I found that walls and barriers would soon begin to form in my mind. I found that the more I focussed on their negative behavior (in my mind), I was actually pulling away from them to where the Love of God could no longer flow out of me to them.

When God judges an individual, He always judges them Righteously. He doesn't judge them based solely upon their actions as man does; He also looks deep within the thoughts and intents of their heart. In other words, He takes ALL things into account! When God judges someone, He doesn't just prune and trim branches to improve upon the outward appearance of things. He deals with the root cause (or origin) of the thoughts that have formed in that person's mind. He deals with those thoughts that have ultimately caused them to make the decisions they have, to do what they have done or are doing. It may even be something way back in their generations that has influenced, and caused them to think, say, and do the things they do. He looks at everything from the beginning until NOW. Everything begins with a thought, and this is the reason why we need to have our minds renewed. When God deals with the root of the problem, it (brings correction) has an affect on the

whole tree. It brings about a change of heart (or mind) within that individual.

Proverbs 2:21-22 says, *"For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off of the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it."* In other words, God is removing the wickedness that exists in the hearts of man, that they might be perfect(ed) and dwell in the Kingdom of God. He is cutting off at the roots, those dusty thoughts that have been handed down from generation to generation, causing man to transgress against Him by continuing to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God's judgments are designed to set the captives free (from the corruption that they are in); to restore sight to the blind (to bring them out of ignorance and into the mind of Christ); and to heal the broken hearted (reconcile and restore all things back to the Father, in the realm of Faith, Hope, and Love).

When God judges a person, He never loses sight of the end result of that individual. He also knows exactly what it will take to bring that person to perfection in Him. God doesn't look at things the way man does in the realm of appearances (lies, imaginations, and illusions); God looks at those things which are unseen, *"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying My counsel shall stand, and I will do my pleasure.* (Isaiah 46:10)"

God is raising up Sons who will walk in Faith, Hope, and Love and never go out of this

realm again. He is raising up Sons who will walk with a "Single Eye", seeing each individual the way that He sees them. Sons who will be Long Suffering and Patient - knowing that as in 1Corinthians 15:28, eventually God will be all in all, in all creation both visible and invisible, for they are becoming as one IN HIM. God is going to fill the whole earth with His Glory.

We have got to let go of our disappointments and negative thinking, because in this realm there is no defeat! In this realm there is no discouragement! There is only an awareness that everything is working together for your good. You don't come into the fullness of this overnight, but as you learn to yield your will to the Father, He is progressively changing your thoughts and renewing your mind.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, *"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."* That means that God has appointed (or written in His plan) that every individual must experience **"A SEASON"**. **"SEASON"** means: a fit or suitable time; **AN APPOINTED TIME; TO PREPARE FOR USE; TO PREPARE OR MATURE; TO RENDER MORE AGREEABLE,** pleasant, or delightful; to change. Then in verse 11 it says, *"He hath made EVERY THING BEAUTIFUL IN HIS TIME"*. In the mind of God He sees EVERY THING (EVERY PERSON) as Beautiful already. He sees the end result of every individual finished, reconciled, and restored back to Himself IN CHRIST!

In Revelations chapter 21, when God is talking about the

woman, He is showing you His blueprint of the body of Christ. As you read through this book, listen to what the Spirit is saying. God is showing us the end result of the body of Christ. He is bringing the woman (soul) to a place of perfection in Him where she will bear His Image, reflecting the totality of His Glory to creation. God also shows you that He is the builder of this house/temple. He is the one that created you, and He is in the process of forming you to bear His Nature in the earth.

God gave me this example a long time ago. Have you ever noticed that when someone starts building a house in the natural, the area they are building on always looks really bad for a (season) period of time? The place where the house is to be built has often become overgrown with weeds, brush, and trees. This first needs to be cleared away to make way for the house that is being built. There always seems to be garbage on the ground that has been left there by others from the past, and this too needs to be cleaned up. Then once they start digging to lay the foundation, dust and dirt starts flying everywhere. There are piles of dirt all over the place. During the whole building process, there seems to be an endless supply of garbage that is bought out in and piled in the open. To anyone looking on (with their natural eyes and understanding) the area under construction is just one big mess.

However, to the builder who has come to this place with a creative thought and a plan - all he sees is the beautiful mansion that will soon stand before him.

He sees the day when every last bit of garbage will be taken away to be burned. He sees the day when the last pile of dirt has been removed, and all that surrounds this house is green and filled with life. He sees it as finished and standing for all to see the glory of it. He sees the joy on the face of its owner when He presents him with the keys to this great house. He knows in his heart that the owner will love the house and take care of it. That he will possess and inhabit all of it, because everything has been done according to the plan that was written. He sees the day when all that has been required of him, will have been completed; and all that has been promised, him will be given him. His eyes are focussed on the goal, and He sees it as finished!

GOD IS THE BUILDER, AND YOU ARE THE MANSION THAT HE IS MAKING IN HIS IMAGE AND AFTER HIS LIKENESS. YOU ARE THE MANSION THAT HE IS BUILDING TO BEAR THE FULLNESS OF HIS GLORY IN THE EARTH! This has been His plan from the beginning, and His plan has not changed. The basement of your house is your soul, and in the process of building you, He must clear away everything (every thought and pattern of thought and behavior) that will get in the way of Him completing His work.

The consuming fire of God must burn out and burn up everything in your soul that is not Christ-like. The night times/the dark moments/the hells that you experience in your mind, are all the fire of God at work burning out (exposing/bringing to the

surface) and burning up (consuming) the chaff (all the garbage - every thought) in you that has no Life in it.

Just as in the natural when the bulldozers are preparing the site for the foundation to be laid, the dust and the dirt need to be dug out and removed to make way for what is to come. People have looked at you just like that building site. They look from afar and reason within themselves, saying, "What can come of it?" All they can see sometimes is the mess you seem to be going through. But before long (just as in the natural), they will (and some are seeing now) the final touches being put on.

Those that are able to see, are overwhelmed by the appearance of this great home that He is creating, and forming you to be. What was once overgrown with weeds, brush, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil (negative thoughts that have no life in them), is now beginning to come forth as the Tree of Life. He is preparing His bride (His Sons) even as a mansion that is set upon a hill/Mount Zion for all creation to see. He is causing you to come forth in all of His Glory and Light as the Word of God.

When God looks at your situations, He doesn't see them as man does (as being a mess, or as being bad or evil). He only sees them all working to your good! He only sees the Beauty that will come out of it.

Isaiah 5:20 says, ***"WOE UNTO THEM THAT CALL EVIL GOOD, AND GOOD EVIL; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter. WOE UNTO THEM THAT ARE WISE***

IN THEIR OWN EYES, AND PRUDENT IN THEIR OWN SIGHT." He said this because these people are still eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. They are still living in the realm of appearances according to their own understanding.

When you go through your situations and say to yourself, "This is really bad - this is horrible - I can't stand it", you have taken your eyes off of God and you are feeding from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Now I am not doing away with evil, because there is evil in the earth. I am just trying to get you to see things as God sees them through the mind of Christ (with a "Single Eye")!

In the natural, when people are lost and killed because of wars and terrorism it is a horrible thing. War is hell. Nobody ever wins a war! People go to war and commit evil acts of hate, because they are acting out of fear in the carnal mind (judging everything as being either "good" or "evil"). When people feed on the tree of knowledge of good and evil all it produces is death.

God sees beyond the wars and the terrorist acts of what man has meant for evil. Just as with Joseph in Genesis 50:19-20, God only sees the good that is going to come out of things, and He only allows those things that will bring about His purpose and plan for man. In Genesis 5:19-20 Joseph was speaking out of the realm of Faith, Hope, and Love, to his brothers who had acted out of fear and hate towards him. **And Joseph said unto them, FEAR YE NOT: For am I in the place of God? But as for you, YE**

THOUGHT EVIL against me, BUT GOD MEANT IT UNTO GOOD, TO BRING IT TO PASS, AS IT IS THIS DAY, TO SAVE MUCH PEOPLE ALIVE."

Even in America many years ago, brother fought against brother during the Civil War. Each side looked upon the other and saw them as evil; but God saw beyond the war, and all He could see was the good that would come out of it. It was in His plan to allow America to go to war against itself back then, because He saw the freedom and liberty that would be created through it.

We need to behold one another as Christ beholds us; seeing each other as finished in Him. We are NOT to focus on one another's shortcomings, nor on the shortcomings of our families, mate, and friends - but we ARE to minister to one to another as God directs us to. We are to yield ourselves fully to the Father and allow Him to flow through us, to heal and set them free from the things in them that keep getting in the way of their going deeper, and knowing God for themselves.

I know in the past when God put me through the fire, all I wanted to do was run away. This is what the soul does. The Fire of the Lord is to consume those things in you that are not like Him. It is to set you free and bring you into His rest. However, in the process of doing this, your soul has to die out to its self-will. The soul's first instinct is always to run, because the soul always wants to save itself.

When your soul is focussed on the negative and on how you are going to get out of this, you have no peace in your mind. God

allows you to experience these hells, because He is trying to get you to recognize when you have gotten off track and are feeding on death. He wants you to recognize right away when you are in error in your mind, so that you can rise above your situations and see them through His eyes. All hell can be breaking loose around you, but that does not mean that you have to dwell there. No matter what is going on around you, **IF YOU ARE** abiding in the Vine and feeding from the Tree of Life, you will always have peace in your mind! It is only when you walk out of the Spirit and feed on the tree of knowledge of good and evil that you loose your peace. ***"Woe unto to them..."***

I want to take you back to Genesis 3:1-5, to show you what happens to you and me. I know that we have gone over this many times before, but the Father wants you to look at this again. Have you noticed that God keeps repeating things over and over again to us? The reason He keeps doing this, is because we keep forgetting what He has said. When God's Son's finally get what He is saying and start walking it out to where it becomes part of them (and no longer just head knowledge), then He will stop saying it!

Genesis 3:1 says, ***"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the***

garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

The serpent is the self-will; and the tree of knowledge of good and evil is the carnal mind, which is "an enmity (enemy of) against God". Romans 8:6 that, "*to be carnally minded is death.*" To eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil means that you are feeding upon the negative thoughts and carnal reasoning of the soul in the realm of appearances/your five senses. The woman is the soul; and the soul is your mind.

In Genesis 3:1 the serpent said to the woman (soul), "*Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*" Notice that the serpent always puts forth a question to cause you to enter into doubt and unbelief by immediately causing you to question (or second guess) the very Word that God has spoken. "Did God really say that that? Do you think He really meant what He said: that I will die if I eat of the tree? Surely God did not mean that literally?" The serpent does this, because whenever you walk in doubt and unbelief you are walking in the flesh, and the flesh will always try to save itself.

The serpent tried this with Jesus as well, and as we have stated in the past, all of this went on within Jesus' own mind. The serpent (self-will) came to Jesus questioning Him, "*If thou be the Son of God...*". "IF..., IF..., IF...". He was trying to get Jesus to even

doubt who He was by questioning His identity. The serpent does this with you and me as well, because when we know who we are and take up our cross and follow Him, we die to self.

It said in Genesis 3:1 the serpent asked the woman, "*Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden...*". In other words, she was saying that God told them that they could eat the fruit of all the trees in the Garden (which were really other people living in the realm of Faith, Hope, and Love). God wanted them to partake of the Love, Joy, Peace, and all of the fruits of the Spirit that these people were producing.

"*But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*" You see, the serpent came to her with another question and the more she listened, the more doubt entered into her mind. She (the soul) walked out of the Spirit/the mind of Christ/the realm of faith - and right into the carnal mind where she began to partake of (or become one) with her five senses (what you see with your natural eyes; what you hear with your natural ears; what you feel through your physical body/flesh; what you taste and smell).

In verses 6-7 it says, "*And when the woman (soul) SAW that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the EYES (plural - because she had become double minded), and a tree to be DESIRED (by the flesh) to make one wise (she doubted what God had said, and believed the voice of the serpent within her), she took of the fruit thereof (believed the lie), and did eat (became one with it), and gave also to her husband with her; and he did eat. And the EYES (plural) of them both were opened, and they knew (for the first time what evil was) that they were naked (no longer walking in the realm of Faith, Hope, and Love, where they had been clothed with the Righteousness of God).*"

For the first time they knew both good and evil, and it was the Word of God within them that brought conviction and correction to their hearts, enabling them to see their flesh/self-will for what it was. When you eat from the Book of Life, which is the Tree of Life, it will become bitter to the belly (the belly represents the appetites of the flesh), and cause the soul to begin to die to self.

When we walk in our soul, we are often very emotional and easily provoked to anger. But when you walk in the Realm of Faith, Hope, and Love, it says in 1Corinthians 13 that Love is not easily provoked. You need to read this chapter again for yourself to find out what the Nature of Love is, because this is what we are to walk in all the time.

In Isaiah 33:14-15 it says, "*The sinners of Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the*

hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" Why are they afraid in Zion? They are afraid because Zion is the presence of the Lord. They are afraid because they are still eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and they have no peace in their minds. No one gets away with sin. It even says in Jeremiah 2:19 that, *"Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee."*

"...Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fires? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings." Then in verse 15 it says, ***"HE THAT WALKETH RIGHTEOUSLY, AND SPEAKETH UPRIGHTLY; HE THAT DESPISETH THE GAIN OF OPPRESSIONS, THAT SHAKETH HIS HANDS FROM HOLDING OF BRIBES, THAT STOPPETH HIS EARS FROM HEARING OF BLOOD (violence), AND SHUTTETH HIS EYES FROM SEEING EVIL."*** I often wondered what this meant, that they were stopping their ears from hearing of blood. Then Father showed us that it is talking about a people that refuse to listen to anything that comes out of the carnal mind (because flesh and blood cannot enter into the Kingdom of God). It is talking about a people that have chosen to no longer live in the realm of appearances according to their five senses.

It says that they are shutting their eyes from seeing evil (in other people), because they know that as long as they only see the negative in an individual, that person will remain in the same condition they are in. They are

saying that, "I am only going to look at them with a "Single Eye". I will only look at them through the mind of Christ as totally restored and free in the Father."

When God tells you that everything is going to be beautiful; that He is going to do a specific thing (in your life; the life of a loved one; or something in the world), have you ever noticed that many times things seem to get much worse before they get better. In the natural, things may often look totally opposite to what God said He would do; but even if all hell is breaking loose around you, you are not to focus on the middle of the process. You are NOT to go by what you see with your natural eyes.

Our Father is using these things to push you deeper into Himself. He is trying to teach you how to stay in the Spirit and not go into hell in your mind. You are to focus on the end result of what He said. You are to walk in the realm of Faith, Hope, and Love all the time - and as long as you stay there, you will continue to have His Peace and Rest in your mind.

God has told me things in the past (about situations and people) that have sometimes taken 10, 15, and even 20 years to come to pass; but He has always been Faithful to do what He said. Just think of all the worrying we have done over the years, because we judged things by appearances rather than believe what God told us. We have gotten upset over this and that when things didn't go (or people didn't behave) the way we thought they should. We have spent so much energy and time in hell over nothing, and this is what God is trying to show us.

He is not pointing these things out for us to go back and focus upon our past mistakes, but He does want us to learn from them and go forward with a "Single Eye".

Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14, *"...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus."* God is always Faithful to do what He says! We have got to keep our mind on the Word. Ask yourself, "What does God say?" Then walk it out in the mind of Christ, as He directs you to do.

Isaiah 33:15-16 goes on to say, *"He...that shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; HE SHALL DWELL ON HIGH: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: BREAD SHALL BE GIVEN HIM; HIS WATERS SHALL BE SURE."* The high place that we are to dwell in is the mind of Christ. We are to walk in the realm of Faith, Hope, and Love, with His Peace and Joy. We are not to walk in the realm of appearances feeling defeated or discouraged.

Verse 17 says, ***"THINE EYES SHALL SEE THE KING IN HIS BEAUTY: THEY SHALL BEHOLD THE LAND THAT IS VERY FAR OFF."*** In other words, if we walk in Faith, Hope, and Love, we will see GOD in everything and everybody!

God told Israel to go into the Promised Land and possess it. He told them not to look at the giants in the land. The Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Asherites, Perizzites", and all the other "ites" (nations) were all there, but God told them that they were not

to become one with them, that He would give them the victory over them. What all those nations really represent, is every imagination and thought that comes from the carnal mind/self-will and tries to exalt itself above God.

God tells us, "Don't be afraid. Don't look at what is going on around you. Don't look at the giants in the land. I am shaking everything that can be shaken in order to bring change, and through it all I will cause My fruit to come forth in you."

Far too often we are still focussed more on the things in us that are still not Christ-like - than on the goal before us, and who our true-self is in Him. When we focus on the negative in us, we are feeding from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. When we listen to the serpent we feel discouraged and defeated, because he causes us to question who we are, telling us that we are not good enough for God. Each one of us needs to believe and stand on what God has told us, seeing ourselves through His eyes - because when we do, we will see the Beauty of the Lord coming forth in us!

In 1Corinthians 13 it says that "*we know in part*", and that "*we see through a glass, darkly.*" In other words our understanding is sometime unclear, because it is clouded with thoughts. The "*in part*" realm is the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Paul also talks in this chapter about growing up and maturing. He said, "*When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: BUT WHEN I BECAME A MAN (WHEN I*

GREW UP AND CAME TO MATURITY), *I PUT AWAY CHILDISH THINGS.*" He said that, "*WHEN THAT WHICH IS PERFECT (PERFECT LOVE - THE FULLNESS OF GOD IN YOU) IS COME (BIRTHED FROM WITHIN YOU), THEN THAT WHICH IS IN PART SHALL BE PUT AWAY.*" In other words, when you grow up and stop eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil - you will see yourself as God sees you; through the perfect Love and mind of Christ (a "Single Eye").

1Peter 4:8 says, "*AND ABOVE ALL THINGS HAVE FERVENT LOVE AMONG YOURSELVES: FOR LOVE COVERETH THE MULTITUDE OF SINS.*"

There is a balance in all of this, and you need to ask God to show you how to walk in that balance. I m not saying that we are to excuse or condone sin by looking the other way, because even **Jesus brought correction to people - but He only did this as the Father directed Him to.** If you remember the woman who was caught in adultery; the people wanted to stone her - but in Love Jesus spoke to her, and said, "*Go, and sin no more.*"

There is a balance and a timing to everything in God! There are times when people will stand up and say all kinds of things against you; and God will have you hold you peace and say nothing. There are even times when we may be misused in one way or another; and Father says turn the other cheek. However, there are also times when Father will have you take a stand and bring correction BY THE WORD

AND THE SPIRIT AS HE DIRECTS YOU TO. WHEN FATHER DOES THIS, you are only to speak what, when, and how He directs you to.

GOD IS LOVE, but there is also a balance WITHIN THE LOVE OF GOD. AS A FATHER HE ALSO CORRECTS - IN LOVE! When God corrects an individual, He is always looking at the end result of that person. He sees them as being totally reconciled and restored to Him, and He knows exactly what it will take to bring them to that place in HIM!

Some of us have to go through a great deal more than others, before we learn that the "*way which seemeth right*" is not working - and we need to humble ourselves and say, "**YES, LORD. Not my will, but thine, be done.**"

GOD'S CORRECTION DOES NOT CONDEMN, BUT IT IS ULTIMATELY TO RESTORE AN INDIVIDUAL OR PEOPLE BACK TO THE PLACE FATHER WANTS THEM TO WALK IN HIM! Any correction brought forth outside of the realm of Faith, Hope, and Love, is done so in the flesh/carnal mind and only produces death and destruction. The carnal mind condemns and tears an individual down - but the Spirit of God corrects and restores.

You need to start looking for the good that is in every person. In Love you need to pull the good out of them and build them up. Do not tear them down with your words or thoughts. We have to see them as the Father sees them - with a "Single Eye" through the mind of Christ.

God has been showing us that when His Sons learn to walk with a "Single Eye", there is going to be an increase in power like you have never seen before. **People are going to see THE FULLNESS OF THE FATHER IN HIS SONS - AND "WHEN THAT WHICH IS PERFECT (THE PERFECT LOVE OF GOD) IS COME (MANIFEST THROUGH HIS SONS), THEN THAT WHICH IS IN PART SHALL BE DONE AWAY."**

Matthew 6:22 said, **"IF therefore THINE EYE BE SINGLE, THY WHOLE BODY SHALL BE FULL OF LIGHT."**

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