

## The “Eyes” Have It! {concluded from page 342902}

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Today, people do the same thing. They **refuse** to hear what Jesus has to say on sin, marriage, the husband's headship, divorce, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lying, stealing, bearing false witness, etc. etc.! God prophesied through Isaiah about such people. He called them “*rebellious children*” (Is. 30:1) “*That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the LORD; who say to the seers, ‘Do not see,’ and to the prophets, ‘Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophecy deceits’*” (Is. 30:9-10). So we are in grave trouble today if we are like them! Dear reader, once again examine yourself and ask if you are able to accept the “*whole counsel of God*” (Acts 20:27) or if you **refuse** the things which seem to you to be hard!

As someone has well said before: “There are none so blind as those who will not see.” Do you see?

### Sinful Sight

“*And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire*” (Matthew 18:9). While no rational being is going to pluck out his own eyes, Jesus' stern rebuke here is a solemn warning to learn to control what your eyes see!

Your eyes can cause you to sin when you look at a woman to lust for her (Matt. 5:28). There is nothing wrong with observing the beauty of another woman, but it is another thing altogether when you have “*eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin*” (2 Pet 2:14). Peter goes on to say that such people “*have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children*”! As the children's song goes: “Oh, be careful little eyes what you see!”

Righteous Job knew the importance of godly eyesight when he said, “*I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a young woman?*” (Job 31:1). It is a difficult thing in our present world to keep our eyes from sinning when there is an abundance of immodesty used by the business world to sell everything from toothpaste to blue jeans! Dear reader, remember the words of Paul: “*But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified*” (1 Cor. 9:27).

**Pornography** is a great blight in our country, and there is **no greater sin of the eyes** than it! For example, statistics from [familysafe.com](http://familysafe.com) list the following truths:

- 40 million U.S. adults visit internet pornography web sights.
- 47% of “Christians” said that pornography was a major problem in the home.
- 53% of men who joined “Promise Keepers” viewed pornography in the past week.

So you see the importance of protecting your eyes from sinful addictions and their ability to control you. If these things are not eradicated from the Christian's life, then he will indeed “*be cast into hell fire*”! It truly would have been better to pluck out both eyes than to end up in eternal hell.

### Opening Their Eyes?

Jesus made the apostle Paul a “*minister and a witness*” as an apostle to the world “*to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me*” (Acts 26:17-18). This, in fact, was the mission of all apostles and prophets. The New Testament is the inspired product of their efforts and it is their testimony to the world today. If you would willingly read, study, and accept the truths of Jesus Christ found in His last will and testament (Heb. 9:14-16), He can bless your sight and you will see things as God sees them. His word has much to say on the subject of “eyes” — both physical and spiritual.

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