Through Their Eyes

Ken Chapman · Luke 15:11–32

INTRODUCTION

- Vision is important, not just the ability to be able to see something with our eyes, but the idea of being able to see, to perceive.
- Rather than focusing upon what those three men did, and we know that story well, I want to talk about what those three men saw.
- The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

1 The Wandering Eyes of the Younger Son

Philippians 4:10–12; James 1:12

- We could say he certainly had wondering eyes. He wanted to leave home.
- He did not have the eyes of contentment. He would come full circle to realize that things were better at home.
- Not that I speak in regard to need, for I've learned in whatever state I am to be content.
- Blessed is the man who endures temptation. For when he has been approved, he'll receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those that love him.
- I think what he's saying is, who love the Lord more than they love that temptation. More than they love that sin.

2 The Jealous Eyes of the Older Brother

1 John 2:7–11; 1 John 2:15–16

- I think in not so subtle undertones, he's also jealous that the younger brother got to go and do those things.
- Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in darkness until now.
- That older brother who stayed home actually went out into the world and left the love of the father and the safety and the salvation of that father.
- Because when he looked at his brother, he didn't look at him in the same eyes as the father did.

3 The Loving Eyes of the Father

Luke 15:1–3

- The father had been looking for him and saw him and ran to meet him. That's the eyes of our father.
- The eyes of this father were loving eyes, compassionate eyes, forgiving eyes.
- If anybody had the right to be angry and hateful and unforgiving, it was the father.

- The story is about the father, who was just as extravagant in his love and affection and forgiveness as the son was in wasting his inheritance.
- Let me show you how God sees things. Because that's the way you ought to see things.

4 The Younger Son's Vision Cleared Up

- The rest of the story is that his vision cleared up.
- We see through the eyes of repentance and godly sorrow.
- Eyes that are now clear of worldliness and earthly passions and personal desires, eyes that are filled with hope and humility and love for the Father.
- You would only rehearse that speech and make that journey home if through the eyes of faith you could see a father looking down the road.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How's your eyesight this morning? What's your perspective? I hope you have the eyes of the Father.**

MY NOTES