

=THE BODY OF JESUS=

Lesson 3

The Eyes of Jesus

INTRODUCTION: We continue our series of studies on the body of Christ. Today the lesson is on His eyes. Look up in the concordance the word “eye” or “eyes” for added help concerning the lesson.

POINT OF CONTACT: Ask the pupils to discuss all the good things we can do with our eyes. Then ask them to discuss all the bad things we can do with our eyes.

- I. JESUS WEPT WITH HIS EYES, John 11:35. There are three things that caused Jesus to weep: He wept over sin, He wept over death, and He wept over suffering. You will recall how He looked at the city and wept. He looked at those in need and wept. He went to the grave of Lazarus and wept. It is not a sign of weakness for one to cry; in fact, many times it is a sign of strength. Perhaps Jesus was trying to show us His humanity; when He wept, He recorded it in His Word.
- II. HE WAS CONVICTING WITH HIS EYES, Luke 22:61. Peter had said he was convicted of that sin just by the look of Jesus.
- III. TO HIS ENEMIES, WHEN HE COMES AGAIN, HIS EYES WILL BE AS A FLAME OF FIRE, Revelation 1:14. Fire in the Bible symbolizes divine judgment. When He comes again, His eyes will be as a flame of fire. This, of course, does not mean that His eyes are as a flame of fire to His children. Once there was a judge driving down the street. He saw a boy drowning. He jumped out of his car, took off his coat, jumped into the water, and saved the boy’s life. Days later the same young man committed some crime. He came before the judge. To his surprise it was the same judge who had saved his life. The judge condemned the boy. The boy looked at the judge and said, “Judge, you probably don’t know me, but you saved my life not long ago.” The judge snapped back, “Yes, I did, son. Then I was your saviour; now I am your judge.” Jesus is the loving Saviour with a tender, compassionate heart now. In the Day of Judgment He will be the Judge, and His eyes will be as a flame of fire.
- IV. HIS EYES MOVED HIM TO COMPASSION, Matthew 9:36. He looked at the multitudes, wept over them, and then had compassion on them. The word “compassion” means to “suffer with.” It comes from the word “con” which means “with” and the word “passion” which means “suffer.” He was suffering with them. It matters not how we suffer; He suffers with us.
- V. HIS EYES WERE PEACEFUL, Song of Solomon 5:12a. Notice that His eyes were like doves. Doves in the Bible are a symbol of peace. To those whom He loves and who love Him, His eyes have a tender, compassionate look of peace. In the Song of Solomon there are two lovers. The bridegroom is a type of Jesus Christ; the bride is a type of His saints. The bride here is describing her lover; this is a type of the saints describing Jesus. The bride attributes to Him eyes of peace.
- VI. HIS EYES ARE ATTRACTIVE, Song of Solomon 5:12c. Notice the words “fitly set.” This is a figure of speech likening His eyes to the jewel of a ring. His eyes are a precious stone. His face is the setting of the ring. The precious stone fits perfectly, so Jesus’ face is likened to a beautiful ring. Jesus was not an ugly person; He was an attractive person.
- VII. HIS EYES WERE CAREFUL WHAT THEY SAW, Song of Solomon 5:12b. Notice the words “by rivers of waters.” The dove loved to see things by the waters. Jesus was careful what He saw. (TEACHER: Discuss with the pupils here the importance of taking care how they use their eyes. Discuss reading proper literature. Talk also of the importance of carefully choosing television programs. Teach the evil of going to movies. Discuss not viewing other things which would be improper for a Christian to see. If you teach a class of boys, teach the importance of looking at young ladies with a pure and holy look and not with a lustful glance.)

VIII. HIS EYES WERE PURE, Song of Solomon 5:12c. Notice the words “washed with milk.” Actually, His eyes were white—or pure—and He looked upon that which was pure. This was because, of course, His mind was pure. This same truth is taught in Habakkuk 1:13. This verse speaks about the purity of the eyes of the Lord.

CONCLUSION: There is one thing about the eyes of the Lord. God is looking today for someone to serve Him. He is looking for preachers, soul winners, full-time workers. He is looking for people to stand in the gap and be faithful to Himself.