

Maranatha Mirror Message



ELEVENTH HOUR BLIND Seeing What We Wish to See



It happens around the eleventh hour---
just before midnight, as the crisis approaches.

Before the collapse of a nation,

before the defeat of an army,

before the downfall of a corporation,

before God's judgment falls on the Body of Christ,

a mysterious blindness spreads among us like a plague.



This form of blindness has been with us since the dawn of time.
But it becomes an epidemic at the eleventh hour---

just before the crisis strikes.

It's called seeing what we wish to see.

The bridge is about to collapse---there are cracks in the steel, gaps in the concrete. But when a man cries, "Danger! This bridge is not safe!" he's arrested and jailed for disturbing the peace.



Two days later the bridge falls, killing 17 people.

A politician comes to power, promising prosperity and freedom for all. He is hailed as the savior of the nation. Then, right in the middle of a boisterous rally a woman cries out, "*This man never speaks the truth! Do*

not trust him!” The guards quickly take her off to prison, charging her with treason.

While the people happily submit to their new leader,
seeing only what they wish to see,

he tightens his grip on power and emerges as a vicious tyrant.



Their freedom is gone.

Their prosperity evaporates.

Only misery remains.

Their eyesight is normal.

Yet they see only what they wish to see.

Corruption stares them in the face,
and they see only wisdom, kindness and love—until it's too late.

Eleventh Hour Blindness is occurring at this hour in the worldwide Body of Christ. As the midnight hour of trial approaches, as the refining fires close in, many of us are becoming “*eleventh hour blind.*”

We see only what we wish to see, ignoring the warning signs that God places before our eyes.

“Beware of false prophets. You will know them by their fruits.”

Matthew 7:15,16

But he’s a Christian leader, respected all the way to Washington! She’s the best television Bible teacher in the land! Deep within we know that we are looking at “Christian leaders” who are slaves to money.

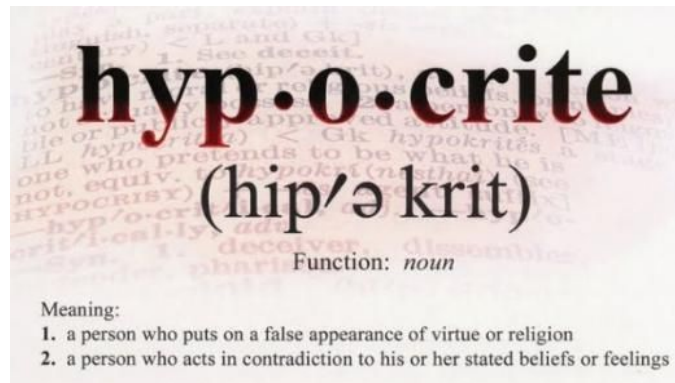


Yet we see only what we wish to see.

“Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”

Luke 12:1b

The voice of this preacher is as smooth as silk. His sermons are wonderfully “inspiring.” Yet anyone with eyes can see that this man is playing a role. His life does not match his message. Whoever gets close to this man becomes infected with the “leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”



Still, we look at this man and see only what we wish to see.

"When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky; but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Luke 12:54-56

It is impossible to "interpret the present time"
as long as we see only what we wish to see.



We will survive the coming days of trial only if we see what is happening in the light God gives us-- --what God wants us to see.

The lamp of the body

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is single, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is shifty, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!”

Matthew 6:22-23

If your eye is focused on the Kingdom of God,
your whole body will be full of light.

If your eye is focused on the cross of the Lord Jesus,
your whole body will be full of light.

If your eye is focused on the footsteps of the Master,
your whole body will be full of light.

When our whole body is filled with the light of God,
we will see what God wants us to see.

The Eleventh Hour is no time to be seeing only what we wish to see.

The Eleventh Hour is the time for the single eye.

Prayer

Merciful Father, give us a single eye so that we can clearly see the truth. Heal of us our eleventh hour blindness. Open our eyes to the cracks in the bridge, the bad fruit, the false prophets, the corruption in political and evangelical circles. Loving Master, keep our eyes focused on your Kingdom, your Cross, and your footsteps and as we do fill us so full of light that we see what you want us to see.

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