

Can you find the
the **mistake**?

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The Law of the Lord; Studying it, Observing it and Teaching it.

2020

Year's Theme	:	Prophetic Vision: <i>Perfect Vision, Supernatural Clarity</i> .
12 th Jan '20 - Topic	:	2020 Vision: Prophetic Vision – <i>Theme Exposition</i>
Main Text	:	Mark 8:22-24
Building Texts	:	Ephesians 1:17-23, 2 Corinthians 5:7, 2 Kings 6:17, 1 John 2:20
Minister	:	Pastor M.D. Desire

Shalom and Happy New Year!

We are guided by the scriptural account in Mark 8: 22-26 about the blind man, a sightless man (msg translation), and his encounter with Jesus, as we begin our journey on the exposition of the year's theme - **prophetic vision: perfect vision, a supernatural clarity**. The vision, 20/20 vision, envisions a believer who is able, spiritually, to **'see as he ought to see so as to be able to do as he ought to do'**. To unpack the vision discourse, the minister highlighted the natural common optical disorders including; **Near sightedness (myopia)** - a condition in which close objects appear clearly, but far ones don't, **Farsightedness (hyperopia)**- a gradual, age-related loss of the eyes' ability to focus actively on nearby objects. This usually becomes noticeable in the early- to mid-40s and worsens until around the age of 65, **Lazy eye: (Amblyopia)** - decreased eyesight due to abnormal visual development. This occurs in early childhood. When nerve pathways between the brain and an eye aren't properly stimulated, the brain favours the other eye. **Astigmatism** - a common imperfection in the eye's curvature. The front surface of the eye or the lens inside the eye is curved differently in one direction than the other. Lastly, though not an optical disorder, the **Evil eye** - a representation of jealousy, envy, stinginess! (the gummed arm). We observe that, for all the above disorders, a major common thread symptom among them is a **blurred vision**, and in the words of the minister, spiritually speaking many of us are caught up in these manifestations as regarding vision, or ability to see and comprehend on life issues.

The response the blind man gives to Christ points to a plague of concern as regards vision and clarity **"I see men. They look like walking trees."** Such is an alarming exaggeration - *Men as trees walking* - he has a concoction of imagination in his mind of both men and trees, all of which is grossly distorted. By the unction of the Holy Ghost, we are receiving clarity; we are picking up sharper focus on the things we need to do to improve operational existence and excellence, the fog of unbelief and doubt that has clouded the acuity of our spiritual retinas, pushing us to an unpermitted state of mind that looks like **'I don't know, I'm not sure, I wonder, I'm not certain'**, is lifting off us. The Lord is ushering us into a marvellous light, a light in whose expression marvels happen. Visual illusions that have built strongholds of mind that have created a world view and published an evil proverb that has viscosly guided our lives are breaking in this marvellous light. We are stepping into **'wow'** or the **'aha'** moments, 'prophetic moments' - moments of sudden realization, inspiration, insight, recognition, or comprehension. As we receive this prophetic year, of prophetic vision, and the fullness thereof, we profess that it shall be 'crystal clear' and our earnest prayer is such as was of the prophet Elisha of old in 2 Kings 6:17, *"O LORD, please open our eyes that we may see"* [emphasis writer's].

1. In your own understanding relate light and vision
2. Compare and contrast the accounts in Mark 8:22-24 and 2 Kings 6:15-17
 - What is the significance of the prayer Elisha made for his servant?
3. What is your response in light of this teaching, more so, as we begin the new year?
4. Paul prayed for the Ephesians to have spiritual eyes to see. Read Ephesians 1:17-18 and pray for each other in light of this scriptures.

Memory Verse: "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see" (2 Kings 6:17).

Grace and peace be multiplied!