

Psalm 139, Acts 9:1-17

When considering our sight, we typically think about the physical world: stars, grass, faces, traffic signs, and more. But there is another type of sight; one that looks at the spirit and heart of a matter. It is the coach that tells the player, "see what I mean?"; it is the woman that tells her husband, "do you see me?"; it is the sight that discerns the character of a person and their desires and intentions. In this type of sight, spiritual sight, we are often blind towards God. We may physically see the things He has done, like His provision for us or the world He created, but we sometimes miss out on seeing who He truly is. When we don't see spiritually who God is, problems arise.

Saul was already blind before his experience on the road to Damascus; not physically, of course, but spiritually. A zealous persecutor of Christians, he thought what he was doing was actually honoring God. Why? Because he couldn't truly see God. In the same way, when we misidentify God, we often think our actions are honoring God, when truly, what we are doing isn't His will for our lives.

Consider the example of a coach. Although the players all have individual skill and talent, they need the coach to give them a scheme and strategy to succeed in a specific situation. Similarly, we depend on God's leading to guide us in our every day lives. We can only receive this guidance, however, when we see Him.

God asked Ananias, a God-fearing believer, to lay hands on Saul, a man who violently persecuted such people. Ananias had to believe God to obey an instruction of that magnitude. He saw God, so He went. What do our stories say? Do we obey, or do we question, rationalize, and discard the things God tells us?

Our faith is blind (Hebrews 11:1). Faith attaches us to seeing God spiritually, for it is the evidence of things not seen. Once we taste and see God, we want more of Him (Psalm 34:8). He then changes our desires to His. Help us to want and seek Your will for our lives God!

When you see God properly, you can stay with Him. You don't have to have a testimony or a rebellious period—you can stay with God! It may be a fight, but God gives the strength to overcome.