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THE EYE

The eye is one of the most valued and important members of our body. It senses our surroundings and helps us to understand what is going on. It is in this literal sense that it is most frequently found in the bible. However, there is more to it than that.

In scripture, the eye is sometimes linked to a spiritual understanding. We see this in Ephesians 1:17-19 where it says, ***“God...may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him [Jesus], the eyes of your understanding being enlightened.”***

The eye is so important that in the Mosaic Law, if a man were to smite the eye of his servant or slave, the smitten one with the blinded eye must be given his freedom. [Exodus 21:26].

A cruel heathen custom often included putting out the eye of a defeated enemy so that they could not rebel.

Scripture also speaks of the pride of lofty eyes in Psalm 131:1 or of envy in Matthew 20:15.

The important application for you and me is that of the “eye gate” which allows outside influences to affect us whether for the bad or the good. We must be careful about what we watch or see, as it can have a powerful influence upon us.

If my wife and I are streaming an otherwise good movie or series, and we come upon a sex scene, we stop it and fast-forward it past it before watching any further. We do not let our eye gate take such stuff in.

The eyes of our spirit must focus on that which is of a good report, and especially on things of which Jesus would approve. We must always be conscious of such things.