

What's in Your Blind-spot?

Part One

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Recently, the Lord began ministering to me concerning blind-spots. All of us have small areas on our retinas which do not have light-sensitive cells. The size of the blind-spot differs from person to person and grows larger as we get older. The interesting thing is that because the brain receives no information pertaining to a small area of the whole scene one is viewing, it compensates by filling in colors and lines to join up the background in the picture - so to us it seems that there is no object there. When learning to drive a car, everyone has to learn to turn their heads regularly to catch sight of anything which could be in their blind-spot. If we do not check for this, collisions can occur and many may be injured or even killed.

In the spiritual realm, we too have blind spots in our spiritual understanding and can be completely unaware of something hazardous existing quite near us. I believe that the enemy has utilized this blind-spot as a hiding place from which to launch his attack on our lives and because we are unaware of His presence, we are unable to deal with it and send him packing! We cannot get the victory over an enemy we have not discerned and these areas of spiritual blindness have caused many of God's children to struggle year after year in situations, not understanding why no amount of prayer or supplication seems to bring breakthrough. Yet we hold in our hands, promises from the Word which the Holy Spirit has given us - promises of deliverance, healing, restoration and recompense - and our eyes fail with waiting for the fulfillment of these words we have clung to. We know we have not come up with these words ourselves; they carry the weight of Heaven's authority and yet we are still without a testimony of a fulfilled promise. Just what is it that is holding things up?

Well, I sense that that there may be something standing in your blind-spot and we are now in the time when the Spirit of God is beginning to turn the spotlight onto whatever has been secretly responsible for the harassment and struggle you have been up against. The hidden things are beginning to be revealed and our realization of them will cause justice to rapidly unfold. The revealing of what has been previously hidden is the last stage of the journey to the possession of your promise!

We see this whole scenario unfolding in the book of Esther. King Xerxes had at his side someone that he thought was a trusted counselor. He had no idea that this man, Haman, was in fact full of ambition and murderous plans. He was not a friend but an enemy and

was secure in the position he had manipulated himself into. It took heaven's counsel and strategy to unmask the evil that was hiding in Xerxes' blind-spot and once he saw and understood who Haman really was, justice was swiftly served. The interesting thing is the method God used to open his eyes. Esther spoke, she told of an enemy who wanted to destroy her. She did not directly attack Haman. She spoke the truth but without finger-pointing.

Est 7:3 Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your eyes, O King, and if it please the king, give me my life, and give my people their lives. We've been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed--sold to be massacred, eliminated."

Her case was presented to the king without bitterness and prejudice. Because God had dealt with the enemy within, during her three days of fasting, she was able to appeal for justice from the standpoint of righteousness within her own heart. She knew she was not wrestling against flesh and blood. Only once the King had a fair picture of the case before him, did the spotlight fall on Haman himself.

When a case is presented before the courts of Heaven, it must be presented from a standpoint of justice and truth. We are appealing to a Throne which is founded on righteousness and justice and because God sees even the hidden things, He is bound to judge justly in every case before Him. Because judgment begins with the house of God, He is coming to reveal to us areas of deception and bondage that we need to deal with. How will He do this? The same way He did with Xerxes - He sent a Word that pierced and unveiled the hiding place of the enemy. In this case it was the enemy without. There are some who are unaware that the enemy has sent assignments into your life to undermine your position in the Kingdom and to manipulate and use you for His own purposes. The Lord will be exposing the secret counsels of men's hearts and bringing the hidden things to light, bringing separation between light and darkness. The tares that the enemy has sown in amongst the wheat are about to be exposed and removed.

However there is also another enemy and that is the enemy within. This is just as deadly and until we have dealt with the enemy within, we have no authority to deal with the enemy without. Jesus was able to go toward the cross to deal with satan because He was able to say, "he has nothing in Me". That which is harassing you life from the outside, be it continual sickness, financial disaster or broken relationships, can only remain year after year because the enemy has some form of hook to hang onto. Esther had been married to the king for five years by the time Haman hatched his murderous plot (Esth 2:16; 3:7). During that time distance had crept into her relationship with the king. In fact he had not even asked to see her for a whole month. When they first married, he was so swept away by her beauty and charm that he chose her above all the

other women. Yet obviously time and the charms of other women had begun to cool his feelings toward Esther. During her fast, the Lord ministered truth and revealed strategy to restore her to first place in the King's heart and deal with her enemy in the process. The two banquets Esther gave were an extravagant display of her love for her husband and his heart was bowled over. He was ready to give her anything she desired. Perhaps the Lord had showed Esther her blind-spot or her part in the growing distance between her and her husband. When she finished her fast, she dressed in her exquisite royal garments and stood in the inner chambers. She must have looked very beautiful because the king immediately gave her permission to approach. The Word says she obtained favor in his sight! The rift between them was already reduced within minutes!

The light and truth that the Lord will be sending our way in these days will bring healing and deliverance in many different areas of our lives. He wants to bring wholeness, body, soul and spirit to His beloved Body. He also wants to reveal to us things that have caused a distance in our relationship with Him.

In dealing with the blind-spots in our hearts, God uses the same method He uses to expose hidden areas of darkness around us: He sends His Word to heal us. Because whatever is standing in the blind-spot of the eyes of our heart, is not in our direct line of frontal vision, we tend to just rush determinedly on, focusing on our future and the fulfillment of God's promises to us. We do not realize we are carrying within us, doors of access that the enemy quietly slips in and out of, with the intention of ultimately sabotaging the fulfillment of our destinies. So our loving Father has to get our attention and He does this by sending a Word from an angle that we have not considered before, in order to get past our defenses! Let us look at an example from the Word, where the enemy within the blind-spot of someone's heart was exposed and dealt with:

David had committed adultery and had an innocent and faithful man killed, yet somehow, seemed completely without conviction concerning his sin. He carried on with His daily affairs as if nothing had happened. It was almost as if he had a blind-spot concerning his own behavior. Then God sent Nathan the prophet to David. He told him a story about a man who had just one lamb which was wrenched from him. David was shocked and appalled, not realizing he was hearing a depiction of his own actions. Sometimes we are able to see with better perspective into the lives of others than our own. It takes the anointed prophetic word to draw the dotted line back to our own situations. Only when David turned his head and realized he was looking at himself in the mirror, did conviction of sin come. As God comes to deal with and clean up His House, He is going to be getting our attention by shining the spotlight on injustice or unrighteousness in

different arenas and as we hear of these things and rise up with a word of condemnation or judgment, the Holy Spirit will speak as he did to David.

2Sa 12:5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man.

All of us have read the verses concerning judging others and yet we have continued to do so, either in our hearts or by gossip and slander. It seems that we have blind-spots concerning the existence of these very behaviors in our own lives. Sadly, it is this kind of behavior, coupled with the very same sins in the Body that are present in unbeliever's lives, that has led to the Church of Jesus Christ having no testimony in the world. The sins of Egypt are alive and well long after crossing the red Sea. Nathan said to David that his behavior had provided the enemy with ammunition to launch at the Lord:

2Sa 12:14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme.....

We have cried out for the Lord to come and manifest Himself in the midst of the Church and yes, He is coming, but as Malachi 3 so clearly describes, He is coming to clean up our act. He is coming to deal with the blind-spots within, so that we can then deal with the enemy without, in righteousness and justice.

The good news is that God is dealing with blind spots across the board - not only will He send the necessary revelation for us to understand clearly what we have been up against, within and without; He also strikes the enemy using his blind spot! This is an unfailing principle in the way God deals with the enemy. His plan of salvation was executed in such a way that satan had no idea he was cooperating fully with the strategy for his own destruction when he crucified Jesus. The wisdom of the Third Heaven is far above the wisdom of the demonic or of man and so we can rest in the knowledge that before our enemy has discerned what God's battle plan is, it will already be successfully carried out. The stone that David sent towards Goliath, struck him right in his blind-spot. If he had seen it coming, he would have ducked but he was so full of arrogance and confidence in the supremacy of his strength and weaponry, that he was taken completely by surprise!

Haman, too, was so swept away with the idea of his own importance, that he cooperated fully in leading himself to the place of judgment and even built the gallows by which he, himself, would be executed. Note that after the first banquet, he was so confident in

the knowledge that he had the king eating out of the palm of his hand, that he built the gallows before even asking the king to hang Mordecai.

When Ehud went to see king Eglon (Judges 3) under the pretense of delivering a message to him; he drew out his sword from a place which the king was not watching - it was strapped to Ehud's right thigh because he was left-handed - and plunged it straight into the evil king's belly. The attack was carried out so swiftly and secretly that by the time the king's bodyguards discerned something was not as it should be, Ehud, God's mighty secret weapon, was long gone!

In the same way, Beloved, there has been a mighty two-edged Word released from the throne-room of Heaven. It is hidden at this time but will be brought into the light so swiftly from the secret place that the enemy will be blind to its approach. It will come from an angle that takes him by surprise and will completely destroy and vacate the throne from which he has been operating against you and your family. Just as in the time of Ehud, you will have rest from your enemies.

I want to suggest this to you - just as Ehud sharpened that two-edged dagger in secret; just as Esther prepared her heart in secret during three days of fasting, so too the Lord is sharpening and preparing your heart as He deals with your blind-spots. You are to be the weapon of war that He intends to use against the enemy that assails you. That Word that He sent from the Throne-room which imparted faith to you for this situation, is becoming flesh in you. You are to be the message that is delivered to that fat demonic king sitting securely on his throne, unaware that his demise is at hand! Know this, precious children of God - if you will submit to, and cooperate with, the revealing searchlight of the Holy Spirit in these days and come in true repentance to the cross to deal with the hiding-places of the enemy within your own heart, then truly no weapon that has been formed against you will prosper!

Just as God used the foolishness of the gospel to deliver mankind from the clutches of satan; so too will He use a left-handed strategy, a hidden plan steeped in the wisdom of Heaven, to unmask and defeat that which the enemy has been orchestrating against you and yours. The blows that the enemy has been raining upon you, the heat of the fire that has been stoked up beneath you, will turn out to be the very instruments that have forged your strength and sure victory for the day of his defeat. The draftsman's plans for the gallows, the detailed descriptions written in the halls of hell for the promotion and elevation of your enemy, will turn out to be the intricately crafted instructions for your deliverance, restoration and recompense!

For this to be accomplished; for God to send you forth from the secret place as a living stone, He needs you to sit under the Spirit of Counsel, so that you may operate in the Spirit of Might.

***Psa 16:7** I will bless the Lord, who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the nights.*

Expect the Lord to minister to you in your dreams. This is a time when our normal defense mechanisms are down, when we are relaxed and receptive and He is able to present light and truth in a way that doesn't cause us to flee from the pain of having a wound exposed and operated on. Trust the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the meaning of this night-time counsel and be quick to respond when repentance is necessary. The enemy is defenceless against the power of the shed blood of Calvary, as long as we claim it as our only defense!

Any attempt to fall back on self-righteousness and bring witnesses to our own purity into the defense stand, will just delay the process. The Lord is coming to His temple to purify the royal priesthood in preparation for the dismantling of generations of diabolical strategy against you and your family. Prepare to receive light from an angle you hadn't considered and allow it to drive out any darkness in hidden corners of your heart and then watch God send you, as a laser-beam of living Light to cut through every enemy line!

Know that it will be accomplished from a place of rest, a place of allowing Christ in you to come forth! As Esther focused on lavishing the king with love and attention, speaking only the words given her in the secret place, so too, you need only be obedient, saying what you hear the Father saying. Haman actually got his diabolical edict issued on the 13th day in the month of Nisan (Esther 3:12). Esther then fasted for 3 days, from the 14th to the 16th of Nisan; had her first banquet on the 16th in the evening and then Haman was exposed and condemned on the 17th Nisan. This is the exact day that Jesus rose from the dead after being the sacrificial Passover Lamb! So we see in the book of Esther an amazing foreshadowing of the victory of Calvary and the resurrection.

The story of your life when it is done will also portray the same message. Through your dying to self and embracing the cross, there is coming an overturning of every edict that has been issued against you. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will accomplish it!

I love the way the psalmist prophetically describes this victory in the Message translation:

Psa 18:28 Suddenly, GOD, you floodlight my life; I'm blazing with glory, God's glory! I smash the bands of marauders, I vault the highest fences. What a God! His road stretches straight and smooth. Every GOD-direction is road-tested. Everyone who runs toward him makes it. Is there any god like GOD? Are we not at bedrock? Is not this the God who armed me, then aimed me in the right direction? Now I run like a deer; I'm king of the mountain. He shows me how to fight; I can bend a bronze bow! You protect me with salvation-armor; you hold me up with a firm hand, caress me with your gentle ways. You cleared the ground under me so my footing was firm. When I chased my enemies I caught them; I didn't let go till they were dead men. I nailed them; they were down for good; then I walked all over them. You armed me well for this fight, you smashed the upstarts. You made my enemies turn tail, and I wiped out the haters. They cried "uncle" but Uncle didn't come; they yelled for GOD and got no for an answer. I ground them to dust; they gusted in the wind. I threw them out, like garbage in the gutter. You rescued me from a squabbling people; you made me a leader of nations. People I'd never heard of served me; the moment they got wind of me they listened. The foreign devils gave up; they came on their bellies, crawling from their hideouts. Live, GOD! Blessings from my Rock, my free and freeing God, towering! This God set things right for me and shut up the people who talked back. He rescued me from enemy anger, he pulled me from the grip of upstarts, He saved me from the bullies. That's why I'm thanking you, GOD, all over the world.

Hallelujah! Send Your light, Lord!