

Seeing in Service of the Lord

Matthew 6:22-24

I. How Well Do I Really See? vss. 22-23

First, our Lord Jesus draws upon the Old Testament teaching that *what we fix our eyes upon* is sometimes very closely related to *what we set our hearts upon*.

Psalm 19:8

Psalm 119:10, 18

Psalm 119:145, 148

Deuteronomy 15:9

Proverbs 23:6 The Hebrew phrase translated *miser* in this proverb is literally “one who has *an evil eye*,” as in the old King James Version.

Proverbs 28:22

Second, our Lord Jesus also suggests the idea that our eyes can play tricks on us when He says, “If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!” This, then, corresponds to the way in which our hearts can deceive us.

Jeremiah 17:9

Revelation 3:14-19

Hebrews 13:5

II. What Master Do I Really Serve? vs. 24

Our Lord Jesus uses the word *mammon* in a similar way as the *Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament* says that the term was also used of the Syrian god of riches (Friberg #17736, BibleWorks).

Revelation 3:14-16

Isaiah 42:8