

Sin and Blindness

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:14-22

Blindness

Proverbs 7:22-23 *Suddenly he follows her As an ox goes to the slaughter ... he does not know that it will cost him his life.*

Proverbs 9:17-18 *“Stolen water is sweet; And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there, That her guests are in the depths of Sheol.*

Proverbs 5:6 *She does not ponder the path of life; Her ways are unstable, she does not know it.*

2 Samuel 12:5, 7

Luke 6:41 *Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?*

Hebrews 3:13 *encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

Revelation 3:14-22

What did they think was true about their spiritual condition?

v.17a

What was actually true?

v.17b

wretched and miserable

poor ... naked

blind

Illustration #1: lukewarm water (vv.15-16)

Illustration #2: Jesus on the outside (v.20)

1. Advising them (v.18).

Proverbs 13:10

2. Reproving them (v.19).

3. Disciplining them (v.19).

How should they respond?

v.19 *be zealous and repent*

Illustration #1: shopping (v.18)

Isaiah 55:1-2

Illustration #2: answering the knock (v.20)

“The characteristic of a revival is that a profound consciousness of sin and need is produced in many persons at the same time by an awareness of God.” (Iain Murray, *Jonathan Edwards: A New Biography*, p.130)

What was Jesus doing about it?