

OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS AND DEAFNESS

BLEPO – GREEK WORD FOR “SEE”

2 KINGS 6:15-17 “And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? ¹⁶ And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.”

BLEPO MNEMONIC:

B - Breaking Bread

L - Leave Inaccurate Locations

E - Expel Your Garment

P - Pool of Siloam

O - Ointment

AMPLIFICATION

1. Breaking Bread

Bread is symbolic of the Word of God. (Ps 107:20) “He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”

- He sent his word and healed them.

1.1 Cures Blindness (Luke 24:30-31) “And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.”

- **Entrance Of The Word Brings Light.** (Ps 119:130) “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”

1.2 Cures Deafness (Rom 10:17) “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

- Rom 10:14 “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”
- 1Th 2:13 “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”

2. Leave Inaccurate Locations

2.1 Leave Bethsaida (Mark 8:23-26) “And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. ²⁴ And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. ²⁵ After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. ²⁶ And he sent him away to his house, saying, neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.”

- **Surround yourself with people who will reveal and help you with your blind spot.**
- **David had Nathan.**
- **Surround yourself with wise folk.**
- Prov 13:20 “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”
- **Leave conditions that promote blindness - review “dwarfism”**

2.2 Leave Sound Proof Locations e.g. pride, worldliness, religious bondage. - Paul left the synagogue and went to the **School of Tyrannus** – the whole of Asia heard.

2.3 Migration to Accurate Location.

This is going to the mountain - come to Zion for sight (Isa 24:23) “Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.”

- Isa 25:6-12 “And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. ⁷ And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. ⁹ And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. ¹⁰ For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill. ¹¹ And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands. ¹² And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.”

3. Expel Your Garment

3. 1 The principle of sacrificing your comfort zone (Mark 10:49-52) "And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. ⁵⁰ And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. ⁵² And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And **immediately** he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way."

- **The garment was the income that maintained his blindness.**
- **Historically, his garment, was proof that he was genuinely blind.**
- **Material possessions can maintain your blindness.**

3. 2 Get rid of the flatterers be careful of the flatterer (Ps 5:9) "For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue. Get rid of teachers that feed your itching ears."

- 2 Tim 4:3-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

4. Pool of Siloam - Sent

4. 1 Apostolic connection for sight (John 9:6-7) "When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, ⁷ And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing."

Paul received sight after connecting with a sent one (Acts 9:10-12) "And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. ¹¹ And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, ¹² And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight."

- Acts 9:17-18 "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. ¹⁸ And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."

4. 2 Apostolic connection for wax removal

- When Saul connected to the ultimate sent one – Jesus - on the road to Damascus he had a spiritual wax removal.
- Acts 9:4-7 “And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? ⁵ And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. ⁶ And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. ⁷ And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.”
- Rom. 10:14-15 “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

5. Ointment

Rev 3:18 “I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.”

This anointing is the Holy Spirit - He illuminates

5. 1 **Understanding of the Word** (1Cor.2:12) “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.”
5. 2 **Reveals Things to Come** (Jhn 16:13) “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”
 - 1Cor.2:10a “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”
 - Acts 21:11 “And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”
5. 3 **Teaches** (Jhn 14:26) “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”
 - 1Jhn 2:27 “But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing

teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”

- **The anointing destroys the yoke of bondage** (Isa 10:27) “And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.”
- Jhn 16:8 “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:”
- **The corporate anointing is an important element in deliverance** (2Cor 3:17) “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”
- **Final Note:** Matt 5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

THE PURE IN HEART HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

- They Position Themselves In Locations Where Bread Is Broken.
- They Leave Inaccurate Locations.
- They Are Able To Give Away Their Garments Of Self-centredness.
- They Connect With The Pool Of Siloam
- They Want The Eyesalve Of The Holy Spirit