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• Oh, what a happy soul I am,
• Although I cannot see!
• I am resolved that in this world
• Contented I will be.
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• *Fanny J Crosby wrote more than 9,000 hymns,*

• *Some of the most popular in every Christian denomination.*

• Blessed Assurance
• Redeemed
• To God Be the Glory
• I am Thine oh Lord
• Praise Him, Praise Him
• He Hideth my Soul
• Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
• Rescue the Perishing
• Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
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• Do you know that if at birth I had been able to make one petition, it would have been that I was born blind?

“Because when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior.”

--Fanny J Crosby
• John 9:1-7(NIV) (1) As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. (2) His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" (3) "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. (4) As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. (5) While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (6) Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. (7) "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.
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• **John 9:39-41 (NIV)** (39) Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." (40) Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" (41) Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."
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• Jesus Christ Can Give Sight To Those Who Are Blind

• “WHO IS JESUS?”

• Luke 7:18-19 (NIV) (18) John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, (19) he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

• Luke 7:22 (NIV) (22) So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."
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• Psalm 146:8 (NIV) (8) the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

• WHAT GOD DOES IN THE PHYSICAL REALM HAS A CORRESPONDING TRUTH IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM

• i.e. COMMUNION

• i.e. WATER BAPTISM
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- **Spiritual Blindness** The Bible addresses spiritual blindness as the great human problem.

- *The problem is that the spiritually blind do not know they are blind* (Rev. 3:17).
- *They are blinded by the “god of this world”* (2 Cor. 4:4).
- *They walk in darkness, eventually being blinded by the moral darkness of hatred* (1 John 2:11).
Luke 9:43-45 (NIV) (43) And they were all amazed at the greatness of God. While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples, (44) "Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men." (45) But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

WHAT JESUS WAS DOING WAS HIDDEN FROM THEM--WHY? BECAUSE THEIR SPIRITUAL EYES WERE CLOSED
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• WITHOUT LIGHT – WE CANNOT SEE
• Jesus Is The Light Of The World
• Without Him We Walk In Darkness
• Without Him We Cannot See Spiritually

• John 3:3 (NIV) (3) In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."
• John 12:44-46 (NIV) (44) Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. (45) When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. (46) I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."
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• BIBLICAL FACTS THAT DESCRIBE THE SPIRITUALLY BLIND

• The lost are blind
  • Blind to God's purpose. §Matthew 11:25-27
  • Blind to the Messiah. §Matthew 11:25-27
  • Blind to the truth. §Matthew 11:25-27

• Religion Itself Does Not Turn The Light On
  • The ‘Blind May Be Leading The Blind’
• 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (NIV) (3) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. (4) The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (5) For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (6) For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

• An Apt Description Of Many Today --To Them The Gospel Is Veiled-- It Is Covered --It Cannot Be Discerned
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• The Culprit: The God Of This Age Has Blinded The Minds Of Unbelievers

• Anyone Who Has Any Ability To See Can See That What’s Going On Today Is Not Just Normal

• There are Many Today Who Will Do Anything And Everything Except Spending Time With The Lord And Considering Their Relationship With Him

• Why Is This? People Are Spiritually Blinded!
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• “BLINDED” =“TUPHLOO” =Someone Who Has Been Intentionally Blinded By Someone Else...

• This Is A Battle For The Mind --Satan Wants To Blind People’s Minds So That They Cannot See

• RICK RENNER WRITES... Satan has “gouged out” the spiritual eyes of skeptics and unbelievers to such a degree that it has affected their ability to see things correctly. Their thoughts, reasoning, opinions, feelings, beliefs, and views of what they experience and perceive are obstructed, hindered, and impeded. As a result, they are blinded from a correct view of the way things really are.
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• SOMETIMES WE CAN SEE BUT NOT PERCEIVE:

• Matthew 16:1-4 (NIV) (1) The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. (2) He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' (3) and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. (4) A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Jesus then left them and went away.
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TWO TYPES OF SIGNS HERE:
1. SIGNS OF THE TIMES
2. AND MIRACULOUS SIGNS

- The basic nature of a sign is that it points people to God.
- John 4:48 (NIV) (48) "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."
- “Hearing a hundred times is not as good as seeing once.”
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• *Jesus Is Saying -- You Know How To Interpret The Weather-- But Not The Signs*

• *The Signs Are Clear --Yet, Until Your Eyes Are Opened You Cannot See*

• *When You Are Blind – You Cannot See Many Things That Are Going On In The Realm Of The Spiritual*
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• *The Blind – Cannot See (Discern) The Season We Are In*

• *For A True Believer (Who Can See) These Are Times To Lift Up Our Heads For Our Redemption Is Drawing Very Near*

• To be blind is bad, but worse is it to have eyes and not to see.
  • —Helen Keller
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• **THERE IS ONE WHO CAN GIVE US OUR SIGHT TO SEE HIS COMING**

• **Luke 18:35-43 (NIV)** (35) As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. (36) When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. (37) They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." (38) He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (39) Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" (40) Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, (41) "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. (42) Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." (43) Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.
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• **BY LISTENING HE LEARNED THAT JESUS WAS COMING SOON**

• He Didn’t Stay Silent He Cried Out To The Lord For His Mercy

• When Jesus Is In The Vicinity... IT’S NO TIME TO BE SILENT

WHEN JESUS IS COMING IT IS **NO TIME TO BE SILENT**:

• *It Is The Time To Make Your Move*

• *It Is The Time To Call Out To God –*

• *Why? Because Jesus Is Coming And You Don’t Want To Miss Him*
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• He Called Him “Son Of David” -- A Reference To Messiah
• He Asked For Mercy – “Son Of David Have Mercy On Me”
• He Didn’t Ask For Justice -- He Asked For Mercy

• Jesus Stopped -- He Wasn’t Too Busy
• The Man Who Could Not See – Was Brought Near The Lord
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• Jesus Asked -- “WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?”
• The Man Answered And Said... “I WANT TO SEE”
• Jesus Said -- “Receive Your Sight, Your Faith Has Healed You”

• When You Received Sight Everything Changed In A Moment
• You Couldn’t See Anything -- Now You Can See Everything
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**WHY DID HE PRAISE JESUS?**

- Jesus Had Responded To His Cry
- Jesus Had Been Willing To Come Near
- Jesus Had Met His Biggest Need
- Jesus Had Given Him Sight
- Jesus Had Changed His Life
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• *His Life Change Became A Catalyst To Bring Change To Others*

• “*When They Saw It... They Also Praised God*”
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THERE IS A TIME TO BE SILENT BUT THIS ISN’T IT...

• For Those Who Are Blind This Is The Time To Cry Out

• For Those Who Have Received Their Sight This Is The Time To Praise The Lord And Testify Of His Life Changing Ability

• THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SILENT