

One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.



John 15:2

Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.



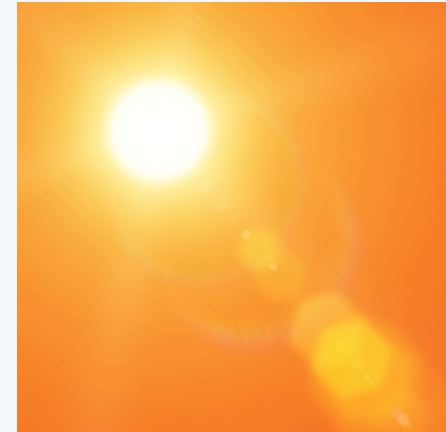
1 Peter 1:6-9

⁶*In this you rejoice, though now **for a little while**, if necessary, you have been grieved by **various trials**, ⁷so that the **tested** genuineness of your faith—**more precious than gold that perishes** though it is **tested by fire**—may be found to **result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.***

⁸*Though you have not seen him, you believe in him and **rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory**, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

John 9:4-5

⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.



Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city set upon a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



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The Present Age



Romans 13:12 *The **night is far gone; the day is at hand**. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

Man Born Blind: Progression of Belief

Obeyed

(7) Obeyed the voice of Jesus without question even though he could not have understood.

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(11) Received his sight from the man called Jesus.

Pharisees: Progression of Unbelief

Looked for Excuses Not to Believe

(16) Jesus must be a sinner because He does not keep their rules regarding the Sabbath.

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**Gained Understanding as He Obeyed and
Stood Firm in the Truth He Knew**

(17) Believes Jesus is a prophet.

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(16) Jesus must be a sinner because He does not keep their rules regarding the **Sabbath**.

(18) Did not want to believe this man had really been **born blind**.

Pharisees: Progression of Unbelief

**Resorted to Intimidation and Became
More Hardened in Unbelief**

(18-23) Intimidated his parents who feared **man** more than God.

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(24-34) Reviled, mocked, and ultimately cast out the man born blind.

Man Born Blind: Progression of Belief

**Gained Understanding as He Obeyed and
Stood Firm in the Truth He Knew**

(17) Believes Jesus is a prophet.

(24-34) Became bolder in his proclamation of the truth he knew:
“I was blind, now I see.”

Refused to be intimidated even though he knew it would result with his being cast out of the synagogue.

Identifies as a disciple of Jesus.

Understands Jesus is a worshiper of God and is from God.

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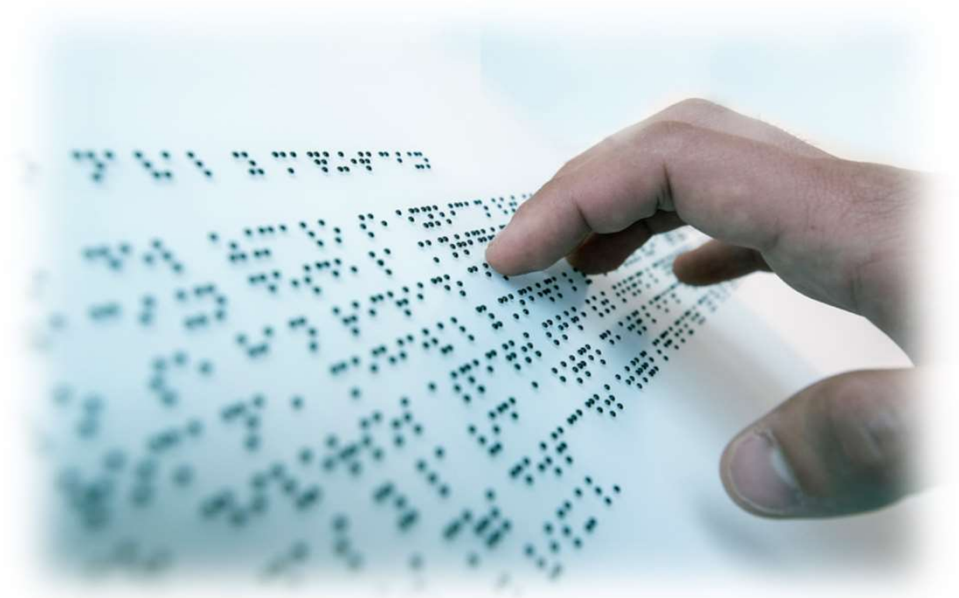
(18-23) Intimidated his parents who feared man more than God.

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(29) In spite of the obvious they refused to believe Jesus was from God.

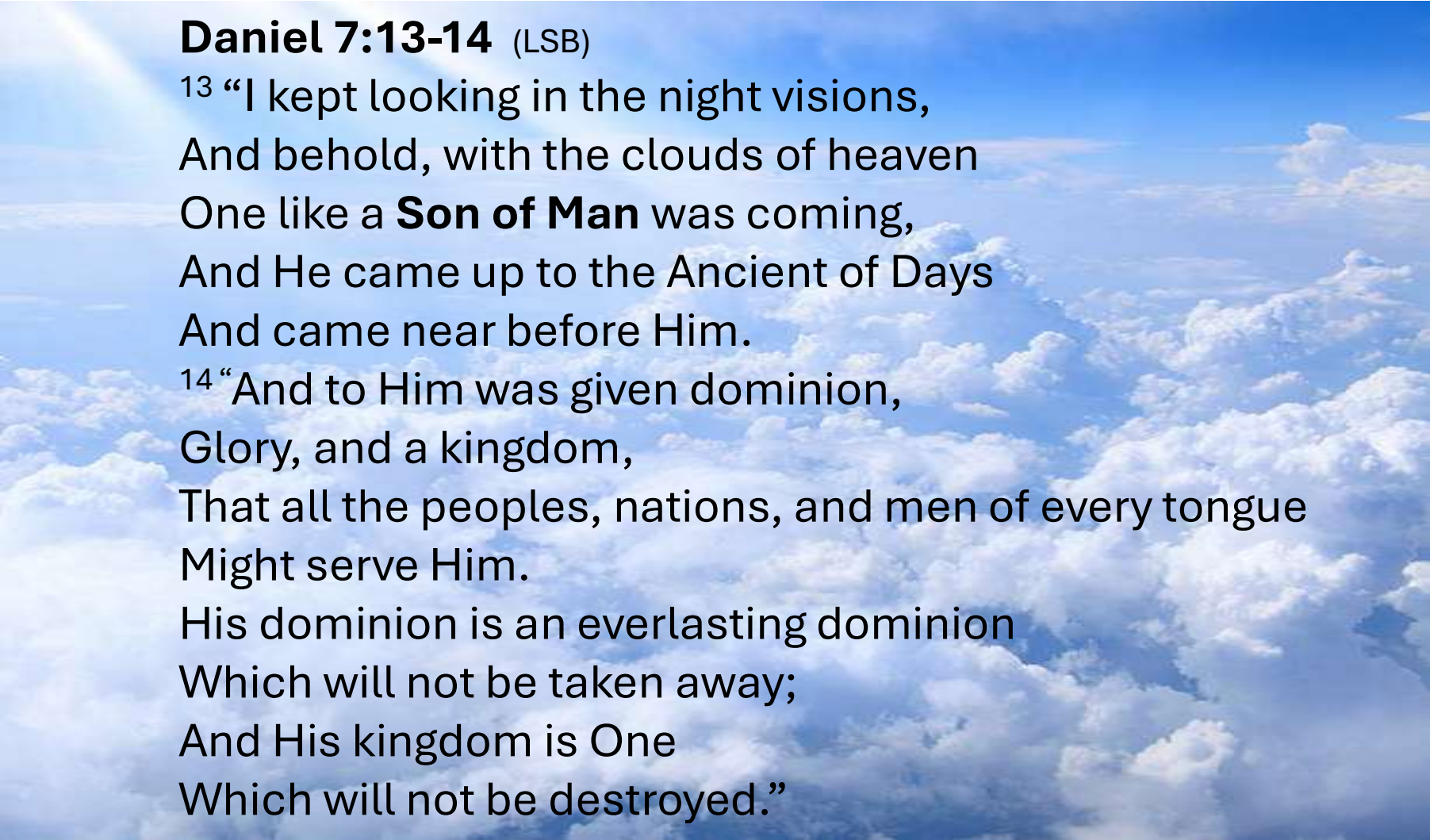
Isaiah 29:18

On that day the deaf will hear words of a book, and out of darkness and thick darkness the eyes of the blind will see.



Isaiah 35:5-6

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer and the tongue of the mute sing for joy...



Daniel 7:13-14 (LSB)

¹³ “I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, with the clouds of heaven
One like a **Son of Man** was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And came near before Him.

¹⁴ “And to Him was given dominion,
Glory, and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations, and men of every tongue
Might serve Him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not be taken away;
And His kingdom is One
Which will not be destroyed.”

Man Born Blind: Progression of Belief

Received Saving Faith

**(35-38) Believes that Jesus is the
Son of Man,
the Messiah, God in the flesh.**

Received the gift of physical sight and the greatest gift of all,
spiritual sight.

He worshiped Jesus.



John 9:39-41

³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

John 12:46-50 (LSB)

⁴⁶“I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness. ⁴⁷And if anyone hears My words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸He who rejects Me and does not receive My words, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him on the last day. ⁴⁹For I did not speak from Myself, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰And I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”



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Those who do not see – Those who recognize their need for Jesus, repent, believe in Him and receive spiritual sight. **Their guilt is washed away by the blood of Jesus.**

Those who think they see – Those who are spiritually blind. They are trusting in their own self-righteousness. They do not see their need for Jesus; therefore, **they do not repent so their guilt remains.**

Pharisees: Progression of Unbelief

Their Guilt Remains

(40-41) They refuse to admit they are spiritually **blind**; therefore, their guilt remains.

“While Jesus came to save, not to condemn, those who reject His gospel condemn themselves, and subject themselves to judgment. Spiritual sight comes only to those who acknowledge they do not see, who confess their spiritual blindness and their need for the Light of the World. On the other hand, those who think they see on their own apart from Christ delude themselves and will remain blind. They will not come to the Light, because they love the darkness and do not want their evil deeds to be exposed.” John MacArthur

