

- I. the World Says, "Seeing is Believing"
- mark 16:32: "Let Christ the King of Israel descend from the cross, that we may see and believe."
1. Everything must be tested in the laboratory of experience
 2. the Weakness of this idea.
 - A. Childish - the child sees the sun rise + set and says it moves around the earth but when know it is the earth that moves around the sun -
 - B. Nine out of ten things in the world that are most wonderful + powerful cannot be seen with the eye.
("electricity, (2) love, kindness, hope.
 - C. the eyes are deceptive.
 - D. One who walks by sight alone is helpless when darkness comes! He who walks by faith can walk in the sunlight as well as you, but he can walk in the dark as you cannot.
 3. the soldiers and priests around the cross demanded a miracle to support their faith. If miracles were necessary to faith, everyone must witness them; and if that were the case they would lose their power, being no longer regarded as supernatural.

II. the Christian says "Believing is Seeing"

I Peter 1:8 - "Whom having not seen ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

1. For the Christian Faith precedes sight.

A. Job's question, "Can a man see God?"

B. John 3:10 - "said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see?"

2. Faith makes invisible things real.

A. Heb. 11:1 - "a conviction of the reality of things which we do not see." Weymouth

B. story of old Scotchman who prayed with a vacant chair opposite him.

3. Faith opens the eyes to greater things.

A. John 1:50 - "Believest thou? — thou shalt see greater things than these.

B. things we can see by believing

(1). The Purposes of God in Providence

(2). The origin & destiny of the soul.

(3). The Plan of God in Redemption

(4). The provision for the Redeemed in Eternity

(5). The Peace of the Soul in security.

(a) salvation not based on feelings.

(b) the light that never goes out.