

“LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK!”

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INTRO: Let’s look at three stories in the Old Testament where three different individuals had their eyes opened to see what they otherwise hadn’t seen. You can do the same!

I. HAGAR (Gen. 16, 21)

- A. Abraham & Sarah had no children at the time (Gen. 16:1).
- B. Abraham took Hagar as a second wife (Gen. 16:1-3).
- C. When Hagar got pregnant, she despised Sarah (vv. 4-5).
- D. Hagar fled into the wilderness (vv. 6-7).
- E. An angel told Hagar to return to Sarah (vv. 8-12).
- F. Hagar gave birth to Ishmael (v. 15).
- G. 13 years later, Sarah gave birth to Isaac (Gen. 21:1-3).
- H. Ishmael scoffed at Isaac, which upset Sarah (vv. 8-13).
- I. Hagar & Ishmael went into the wilderness and expected they would die (vv. 14-16).
- J. God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water which spared their lives (vv. 17-21).

•**What does God want to open your eyes to show you?**

II. ABRAHAM (Gen. 22)

- A. God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice (vv. 1-2).
- B. Abraham obeyed. God intervened (vv. 3-12; Heb. 11:17-19).
- C. Abraham lifted up his eyes & saw a ram (Gen. 22:13-19).

•**What does God want to show you? Lift up your eyes!**

III. ELISHA’S SERVANT (2Kings 6:17-20)

- A. The king of Syria was making war against Israel (2Ki. 6:8).
- B. Elisha warned the king of Israel (2Ki. 6:9-10).
- C. The king of Syria went after Elisha (2Ki. 6:11-13) and Elisha’s servant was afraid (2Ki. 6:14-15).
- D. God opened his eyes and he saw the mountains full of horses and chariots of fire (2Ki. 6:16-17).
- E. The rest of the story – eyes blinded & opened (vv. 18-23).

CONCLUSION: We’ve seen three examples of God opening people’s eyes to see His provision. Will you open your eyes and see God’s provision?