

How To Drive Yourself Mad

TEXT:	Deuteronomy 27,28
KEY VERSE:	Deuteronomy 28:34

"So, you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see."

Deuteronomy 28:34 [NKJV]

MADNESS

The Lord will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart.

Deuteronomy 28:28

CONFUSION OF HEART

Bible Definition

In the Bible, "heart" means "mind".

"...he thinks in his heart..." God says that a man thinks from his heart. [Matthew 12:34] We know that our mind does the thinking. So, was God wrong? No, He is defining the word "heart" in His Word. As your physical heart is the center of your physical being, your mind, will, and emotions are the center of your being. So, God calls that your heart.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

Proverbs 23:7a

God is telling us that some folks' minds are going to be driven mad by what they are seeing. They will be brought madness, blindness, and confusion of their minds because of what they SEE. So, what you are SEEING is vital! David said, "I will set no evil thing before mine eyes." [Psalm 101:3]

The Curse of the Law

1. The Law is Visual, External, and Cannot Produce Righteousness and Blessing

Deuteronomy means "second naming"; from Greek *deuteros* + *nomos*.¹ The Israelites were finally going into the Land of Promise, so God was reminding them of the Law their fathers had broken. In chapter 28:1-4, He describes the blessings of keeping the Law. In verses 15-68, He describes the curses of not keeping the law.

'Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them.'

And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

Deuteronomy 28:15

We all know how this worked out. Israel set the precedent before Moses even got down off Mount Sinai! They broke God's law before they got it! They deliberately rebelled against God, making a golden calf to worship. They didn't need stone tablets to know THAT was wrong!

The lesson of the law has always been, "You must keep all of this! ... But you can't!"

Look how heavily the curse outweighs the blessing under the law!

- Deuteronomy 27: 1-10 "Keep ALL The commandments!"
- Deuteronomy 27: 11-26 Curse after curse for breaking them.
- Deuteronomy 28: 1-14 Blessings for obeying.
- Deuteronomy 28: 15-68 More curses for breaking the law.

I counted 51 curses, and 13 blessings. This is the curse of the old covenant law.

2: The New Covenant is Invisible, Internal, and Perfectly Produces Righteousness and Blessing. -Romans 8:3,4

¹ Dictionary.com

*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written,
cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

*That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the
promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Galatians 3:13,14 [KJV]

One of the many things Jesus did for us on that cross was remove the curse of the law. Those 51 curses attached to breaking the commandments have been nailed to the cross and taken out of the way. Notice, that is how God defeated Satan.

*Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of
the way, nailing it to his cross;*

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:14

One of those curses is in the verse where we began. "You will be driven mad by the sight which your eyes shall see." [Deuteronomy 28: 34 NKJV]

Our prisons and hospitals overflow with folks who suffer psychological disorders because of what they have seen. They have witnessed every evil imaginable, one person can inflict on another: horrible disasters and tragedies!

THE CURSE OF BEING DRIVEN MAD BY WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN WAS PUT ON JESUS ON THE CROSS.

YOU NO LONGER HAVE TO CARRY IT!

God wants us to be delivered from ANY kind of curse. The specific type of death that Jesus died freed us from all curses. It was not mere chance that the Jews clamored for him to be crucified.

They wanted him cursed!

Dead was not enough!

He endured that cursed death to take away your curse. He endured it to remove **THEIR** curse! Now, In Jesus we walk by faith not by sight. So, Jesus died on a cross -a tree²-to heal your eyesight. What you have seen can no longer drive you mad if you believe what Jesus did for you. You can begin to see differently, through eyes of faith.

² 2 Corinthians 5:7

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18 [KJV]

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:17 [KJV]

The old curse said that you would be driven mad by what you see, but you don't have to live by what you see. The justified live by faith, by seeing with eyes of faith, not PHYSICAL EYES.

*These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but **having seen them afar off**, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

Hebrews 11:13 [KJV emphasis added]

THE WAY TO DRIVE YOURSELF MAD IS TO SEE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES!

THE WAY TO LIVE IN VICTORY, HEALTH, AND ABUNDANCE IS TO SEE GOD'S PROMISES!

What you see, living under the old curse of the law, will cause you "madness, blindness, and astonishment³ of heart." All our modern psychological disorders are no more than the old covenant curse of the law; a curse that has been removed.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

Those panic attacks are the curse. That PTSD is the curse. That bipolar disorder is the curse. That schizophrenia is the curse. That OCD is the curse.

The world system of psychology will tell you that you cannot be cured of these disorders. God says you've already been given a sound mind. Begin this minute **doing** what God says, and **saying** what God says.

³ "panic" [NLT]

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And **be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Romans 12:1-2 [KJV emphasis added]

If you don't want to be driven mad by what you see, it's time to stop letting the world system⁴ cram you into its mold, and let God renew your mind. Instead of swallowing the propaganda of an industry that pads its pockets by making an incurable victim out of **everyone**, begin filling your mind with God's word mixed with faith. Begin to use everything God has made available to you - your cell phone, Internet, TV - to put the word into your mind. Stop driving yourself mad with what you see! "Repent", Greek; "metanoia", means "to change your mind." Start using those things to transform your mind with the word.

THE RESULT IS REST!

SONGS OF

He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Psalms 23:3

DELIVERANCE

THEREFORE, SINCE A PROMISE REMAINS OF ENTERING HIS REST, LET US FEAR LEST ANY OF YOU SEEM TO HAVE COME SHORT OF IT. FOR INDEED THE GOSPEL WAS PREACHED TO US AS WELL AS TO THEM; BUT THE WORD WHICH THEY HEARD DID NOT PROFIT THEM, NOT BEING MIXED WITH FAITH IN THOSE WHO HEARD IT.

HEBREWS 4:1-2 [NKJV]

Simply put, for this word of God to give you the peace that comes of a renewed mind, you must choose to believe it. Chapter three of Hebrews describes how Israel saw the same mighty acts of God that Moses saw, but they still would not believe, so they could not enter into the land of promise to rest.

But the "promise remains." That's amazing! God has not withdrawn his offer of rest. Now, the same as the Children of Israel, **you** have heard the good news.

Here we are again at the gateway that is faith.

Who will you believe?

"You will **always** have this disorder. These pills will help."

... Or...

But He was wounded for our transgressions,

He was bruised for our iniquities;

The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,

⁴ "cosmos" = the world system

And by His stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 [NKJV also 53:4]

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Jeremiah 31:33 [NKJV]

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 [NKJV]

"... But be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Romans 12: 2 [NKJV]

Someone is going to have the eyes of his understanding opened by the Holy Spirit. You are about to see that God wants to deliver you from a bondage that has held your mind hostage for years. The world's answer to your heart-bondage was to ADD chemical-bondage. Bondage upon bondage.

READ:

JOHN 8: 30- 36, 5: 1- 15

So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free.
John 8:36 [AMPC]

So, the question is the same as Jesus asked the man at the pool of Bethesda: "**Will you** be made whole?"

1. The first step is to surrender your rights to the Holy Spirit and let him control the process. Romans 12:1
2. The second step is to choose not to conform (fit the mold) to what the world says you are. Romans 12: 2A
3. The third step is to allow God to transform you by giving you a new mind. Romans 12:2B, 2 Corinthians 3: 18, Philippians 2: 5, Ezekiel 36: 26
4. The fourth step is to receive healing of your mind by faith. James 1: 5, 17, Matthew 9: 29
5. The fifth step is to fill your mind and mouth with what the word says. Psalm 1:1- 3, Matthew 12: 35, Luke 6: 45, Proverbs 18: 21

If "seeing is believing", God says that you will drive yourself mad with what you see.

Faith is believing what God's word says, not what your eyes see. If faith is how you see, you will remove the mountains from your life!

Mark 11: 22-24

"Father,

Please set minds free. I pray in Jesus name that bondages, mental and chemical, will be forever broken. Holy Spirit, renew men's hearts by faith in the limitless power of your word. "... The Lord looseth the prisoners." [Psalm 146: 7B] I pray this in Jesus' name!

Amen."