

Seeing is Believing...Or is it?

1 Kings 10:1-7

I. THOSE WHO BELIEVE NOT BECAUSE THEY SEE NOT

- a. They claim they would believe if they saw (**Mark 15:31-32**)
- b. They require signs and wonders in order to believe (**John 4:48**)
 - i. They have already rejected what they have been shown (**John 6:14, 30**)
 - ii. They will not be given signs and wonders (**Matthew 12:38-40**)

II. THOSE WHO SEE BUT BELIEVE NOT

- a. They use any excuse to reject the truth (**John 6:28-36**)
- b. They are like the brethren of the rich man (**Luke 16:27-31**)

III. THOSE WHO SEE AND BELIEVE

- a. They are touched by what they see (**Lamentations 3:51; John 11:45**)
- b. They are convinced by what they see (**John 20:24-29**)
- c. They believe the Son and receive eternal life (**John 6:40**)
 - i. We see the Son (spiritually) by reading the scriptures. No one will see Jesus physically on earth until the Second Advent (**Matthew 24:23-27**).

IV. THOSE WHO BELIEVE WITHOUT SEEING

- a. The special blessing on those who believe without seeing (**John 20:29**)
- b. The special response of those who believe without seeing (**1 Peter 1:7-8**)
 - i. A special love for Christ
 - ii. A special joy in faith
- c. Their special reliance on the word of God
 - i. The unbelief of the disciples (**Mark 16:14**)
 - ii. The faith based on the word of God (**Romans 10:13-17**)

V. THOSE WHO SEE BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE

- a. Those who believe will see the glory of God (**John 11:40**)
- b. Those who believe will see Him who is invisible (**Hebrews 11:27**)
- c. Those who believe—to see—will be strengthened (**Psalms 27:13-14**)