

## SERMON NOTES

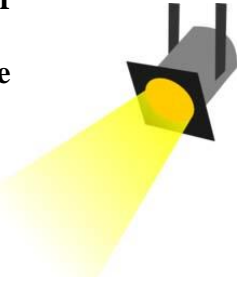
Series: Building Upon the Firm Foundation of God's Word

Title: By Understanding What God Wants me To See (II)

Text: Genesis 21:19; Numbers 22:31

Topic: The Enlightenment of the Holy Spirit

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*Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and she filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.”Genesis 21:19*

*“Then the Lord opened Balaam’s eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. He bowed low and fell facedown.” Numbers 22:31*

When God illuminates your mind and you learn how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, there are **benefits** that come into your life.

### 1. I SEE **THE SOLUTION** TO MY PROBLEM.

Biblical Story: Abraham, Sarah and Hagar.

*“Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her own and wandered in the desert of Beersheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy Ishmael under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down nearby, about a bowshot away, for she thought, ‘I cannot watch the boy die.’ And as she sat there nearby, she began to sob. God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, ‘What’s the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift up the boy and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.”*  
*“Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and she filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.” Genesis 21:14ff*

She had the solution right in front of her but she couldn't see it until **God** opened her eyes.

### 2. I SEE THE **BARRIER** TO MY PROGRESS.

The Biblical Story: Balaam and his donkey.

*“But God was furious that Balaam was going, so he sent the angel of the Lord to stand in the road to block his way... Balaam’s donkey suddenly saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand and the donkey bolted off the road into a field but Balaam beat the donkey and turned it back on the road.*

*“Then the angel of the Lord stood at a place where the road narrowed between two vineyard walls. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing there, it tried to squeeze by and crushed Balaam’s foot against the wall. So Balaam beat the donkey again. Then the angel of the Lord moved farther down the road and stood in a place so narrow that the donkey could not get by at all. This time when the donkey saw the angel, it lay down under Balaam. In a fit of rage Balaam beat it again with his staff. Then the Lord opened Balaam’s eyes, he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. He bowed low and fell facedown.” Numbers 22:22ff*

When your progress is being blocked, you've got one of two choices, **beat the donkey** or let God **open your eyes**.

When God opens my eyes I see the solution to my problem and the barrier to my progress.

