~GAZE (180)

[English, look, stare, fix your eyes on, watch, gawk]

- Job asked why Yehowah God would not turn his gaze from him long enough for him even to swallow.
- Why will you not turn your gaze from me, nor let me alone until I swallow my saliva? (Job 7:19)
- Job wanted Yehowah God to turn his gaze away from him, the he might brighten up a little, for he was under great stress, and wrongly felt that Yehowah God was bringing this upon him.
- Are not my days few? Let him leave off, let him turn his gaze from me, that I may brighten up a little (Job 10:20)
- Job asked for Yehowah God to turn his gaze from upon him so that he could rest, as a hired laborer does at the end of the day, getting relief from his work for a time.
- Turn your gaze from upon him that he may have rest, until he finds pleasure as a hired laborer does in his day. (Job 14:6)
- The Psalmist prophesied about the Messiah who could, when upon the stake, count all his bones as he was stretched out, with others gazing upon him, as he bore reproach.
- I can count all my bones. They themselves look, they gaze upon me. (Psalms 22:17)
- The Psalmist asked for Yehowah God to bring salvation to him, and then he could gaze upon his regulations always.
- Sustain me, that I may be saved, and I shall gaze upon your regulations constantly. (Psalms 119:117)
- The congregator called for his son to take a straightforward course through life, gazing straight ahead, thus following in the course prescribed for him.
- As for your eyes, straight ahead they should look, yes, your own beaming eyes should gaze straight in front of you. (Proverbs

- Like the growling of the sea in a storm, which makes a great uproar, but accomplishes nothing, the nations will growl over their victory over false religion, but it will be an empty one for they will have accomplished nothing. Once religion is destroyed, there will be no light of understanding, no hope, for most people will simply go along with the nations, not realizing why their God, Yehowah stood off from them in their time of distress.
- And they will growl over it in that day as with the growling of the sea. And one will actually gaze at the land, and, look! There is distressing darkness, and even the light has grown dark because of the drops falling on it. (Isaiah 5:30)
- Satan the Devil has caused so much human suffering down through time, yet he will appear to these goat-like leaders, as just another person who has been brought low in death. He himself is not really very impressive, considering the great harm he has caused.
- Those seeing you will gaze even at you. They will give close examination even to you, saying; Is this the man that was agitating the earth, that was making kingdoms rock. (Isaiah 14:16)
- In that day earthling man will truly look for his Creator. Yehowah will then raise up true worship and reveal his true self to the gaze of the sons of men who search for him.
- In that day earthling man will look up to his Maker, and his own eyes will gaze at the Holy One of Israel himself. (Isaiah 17:7)
- In that day all of the altars and incense stands, idols and sacred poles, the gods, that man has made for himself to worship, will all be gone forever, for God himself will dwell among them within his city of pure worship, New Jerusalem. False religion will be gone from the earth forever.
- And he will not look to the altars, the work of his hands, and at what his fingers have made he will not gaze, either at the sacred poles or at the incense stands. (Isaiah 17:8)
- Here Isaiah laments over the coming disaster to the Daughter of Zion, and later God's prophet Jeremiah lived to see the first fulfillment

of these words. Later First Century Christians lived through a second fulfillment. Today the Son of Man will experience a third fulfillment, when modern day Jerusalem falls. He will accept no comfort over the despoiling of the Daughter of my people, Jehovah's Witnesses. (Lamentations 1:1-6) They refused to listen to their God.

- That is why I have said; Turn your gaze away from me. I will show bitterness in weeping. Do not you people insist on comforting me over the despoiling of the daughter of my people. (Isaiah 22:4)
- They are precious to him and so he comforts them; Do not gaze about, for I have chosen you, I have not rejected you. Like the precious gemstones that they are, he has cut and polished them by means of divine discipline, to a beautiful luster and glow.
- Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not gaze about, for I am your God. I will fortify you. I will really help you. I will really keep fast hold of you with my right hand of righteousness. (Isaiah 41:10)
- Can these gods, of mankind's own construction, do any of these things? Can they give wise counsel, tell us about the past, or even accurately predict the future? If they are gods then they should have some capability or work that separates them, and that makes them stand far above man, that proves their Godship. Then we could gaze upon their works, to see if they are really gods.
- Tell the things that are to come afterward, that we may know that you are gods. Yes, you ought to do good or do bad, that we may gaze about and see it at the same time. (Isaiah 41:23)
- Then Jonah realized, how much he loved the true worship of Yehowah God. He had been driven out from in front of Yehowah God's eyes, he would never again gaze upon the beauty of Yehowah God's holy temple in Jerusalem.
- And as for me, I said; I have been driven away from in front of your eyes! How shall I gaze again upon your holy temple?

 (Jonah 2:4)
- Paul now makes further reference to the Law Covenant and draws a parallel to it. He shows, that when Moses came down from the mountain, his face shone with a glory so profound, that the sons of

Israel could not gaze intently upon his face, for he had been in God's very presence. Yet this code of Laws from God administered death, for all men were sinful, and simply could not live up to its principles.

- Moreover, if the code which administers death and which was engraved in letters in stones came about in a glory, so that the sons of Israel could not gaze intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, a glory that was to be done away with. (2 Corinthians 3:7)
- Moses put a veil upon his face, so that the sons of Israel might not gaze upon the true glory of his face, which shone with rays of light. This was symbolic, showing that Israel would turn away from looking at the true glory of God, out of fear of dying. Yet this glory they saw was to be done away with, and replaced with a far greater glory.
- Christians will come to gaze upon that greater glory, because they know that they must die to see it, for no man can see God and yet live. They have been baptized into a death like Christ's for that very purpose, knowing that during this life they must exert every effort to remain holy and unblemished before this wonderful God, for after they die, they will be judged, and come to stand in his very presence, and they will see a glory, they could never have seen as mere men.
- And not doing as when Moses would put a veil upon his face, that the sons of Israel might not gaze intently at the end of at which was to be done away with. (2 Corinthians 3:13)