

Isaiah 29: 17-24

Matthew 9: 27-31

For me, the key word in today's Reading and Gospel is 'Light.' Light in the sense of renewed awareness and hope of what is to come, and Light in the victory of good over evil. “

“In a short time, a very short time, shall not Lebanon become fertile land....The Deaf that day will **hear**.....the eyes of the blind will **see**.” “But the lowly will **rejoice** in the Lord even more and the poorest **exult** in the Holy One of Israel: For tyrants shall be no more, and scoffers vanish, and all be **destroyed** who are disposed to **evil**.” Yet no one will be cast aside if they search for the **Light**. The Lord will give them **sight**. (even) “Erring spirits will learn wisdom and murmurers accept instruction.”

The responsorial Psalm reveals...”The Lord is my Light and my help.”

In the Gospel the two blind men are given the light they seek and the joy of freedom from the bondage of darkness. Through their belief they are granted sight. Then, against Jesus' wishes, they could not contain themselves and: ‘talked about him all over the countryside.’ Perhaps we should pray that, in the light of our faith, we might do the same.