

## *Apple of Your Eye*

### **Psalm 17:8**

#### **Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

Since sight has been considered as the most important part of our senses, “the apple of someone's eye,” which basically meant the center of the eye, became a metaphor for “the thing that is treasured the most.”

In Hebrew it is “the little man of the eye.” The request is that God’s protective care should never let him out of sight.

This is the pupil of the eye, which is essential to vision and must be carefully protected. God guards his people with the same care with which a person guards his own eyes.

David, the psalmist, appeals to the Lord as Judge, when he is under attack by ungodly foes. Possibly another of David’s cries for deliverance during the time King Saul was trying to kill him, as recorded throughout 1Samuel.

We are probably not in danger as David was but we treasure being “the apple of God’s eye.” We as Christians are God’s chosen people, and are precious in his sight. We are so precious that Jesus left heaven and came to earth to suffer and die for us.

Isaiah 43:4 says: **Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life.** Luther comments: Who says that? “The world does not say this. No, to the contrary, even in your own eyes you seem cast off. But in My eyes you are a noble jewel and emerald. Although in supreme trials you seem nothing in your own eyes and are condemned as one cast off by the world, in My eyes you are glorious.”

Prayer: Lord, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. He saved us by enduring great injustice and now sits at Your right hand. Amen. (TLSB)