

The Apple of the Eye

'..Keep me as the apple of the eye..'

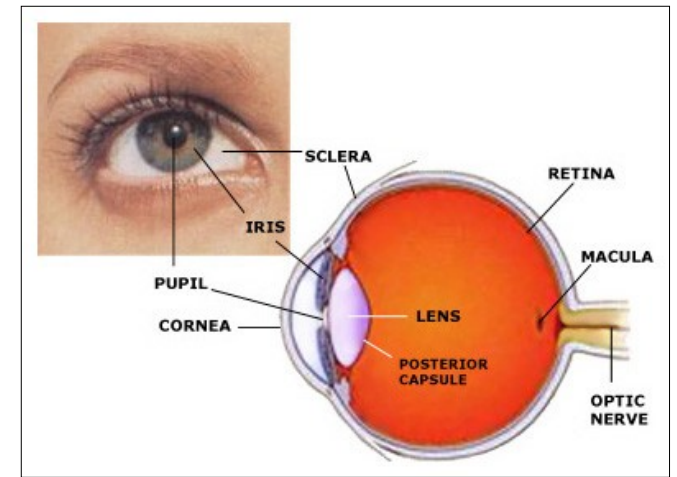
Psalm 17 v 8



1. The 'apple of the eye' is the little black spot, the 'p____', in the centre of the coloured part of the eye (the 'iris').
2. Of all the parts of the e__ that we can see, it is the most important, because it is the part through which l____ enters.



3. When the psalmist asks God to keep him as 'the apple of the eye' he is really asking to be kept safe.
4. The a____ of the eye is well protected by the other parts of the eye, and God has many ways to pr____ us. (Story of the Sentry in the American Civil War).
5. Again, when the psalmist asks to be kept as 'the apple of the eye', he is reminding himself that God's P____ are very precious to Him, just as sight is pr____. (Story of a father who took his son up a very high hill).



6. The apple of the eye is also very sensitive. Our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, is very sen____ towards His People. What hurts them, h____ Him. (See Matt 25 :40& 45)
Story of Lord Kitchener - the Sirdar of the Sudan).



*'And the king shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me....'(v 40)
.... 'Then he shall answer them, saying, 'Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it **not** unto the least of these....ye did it **not** to me.' (v 45)*