

# Isaiah 59:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

## Analysis

The imagery intensifies: 'We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.' Sin produces spiritual blindness (even with physical eyes), confusion (stumbling at noonday), and death-like existence.

## Historical Context

This fulfills the judgment threatened in Deuteronomy 28:29 for covenant unfaithfulness: 'And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness.' Curses for disobedience have come upon them.

## Related Passages

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

1. How does sin produce spiritual blindness even when physical sight is clear?
2. What does 'stumbling at noonday' look like in your experience?

## Interlinear Text

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גַּבְשׁ שָׁה	עִין יִם	וְקָא יִ	לְקָא יִר	כְּעִירִים	גַּבְשׁ שָׁה
We grope	like the blind	for the wall	H369	as if we had no eyes	We grope
H1659	H5787	H7023		H5869	H1659
כְּפִתִּים:	בְּאַשְׁמָה יִם	כְּשַׁאַף	בְּאַשְׁמָה יִם	כְּפִתִּים:	בְּאַשְׁמָה יִם
we stumble	at noonday	as in the night	H5399	we are in desolate	places as dead
H3782	H6672			H820	H4191

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 28:29** (Parallel theme): And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

**Job 5:14** (Parallel theme): They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

**Lamentations 3:6** (Parallel theme): He hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old.