

# EYE MASK

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**Numbers 22:26-27** (26) *Then the Angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. (27) And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff.*

The donkey, in this part of the story, proves herself to be wiser than Balaam.

The Lord often does this: First, He gets us in a vast place and permits us to make our decisions. It soon becomes clear which direction we are going, which path we are traveling. Then the Lord begins to narrow the way, primarily if He sees us going in the wrong path. He grabs us in a place where we can turn around and allows us to make the right decision. If we do not do what His will is, He will advance a little further down the path - a bit further down in our life - to reach us

in a place where the answer is obvious, and we can't do anything except to stop and say, "Lord, please help me! I've gone down the wrong path, and I need You to open the right path for me."

This is where Balaam is in these couple of verses. The donkey naturally lies down, being that's all she can do. **Proverbs 22:3** says, "**A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished**". In this particular scenario, the donkey is the "prudent man", and blind Balaam is "the simple". He is so without any spiritual understanding that he is just like a senseless loon. He cannot see wisdom; he cannot make a wise choice. However, the donkey that is with him can!

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At His service,  
Pr. Teddy Santos