

"God Will Be Her Light"
Revelation 2:10, 22 – 22:5
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The lesson today from Revelation says something like: Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. She will see the face of Jesus and his sign will be on her forehead. There will be no more tears and no more night for the Lord God will be her light!

Mrs. Potato Head sat in her hospital bed this morning and she was very sad! You see, they still have not been able to replace her eyes that were knocked out when she fell several weeks ago. They have performed several procedures but nothing seems to make her eyes work. Now her life is filled with darkness!

Nurse Fran said "Your family . . ." Mrs. Potato Head gave a startled jump! You see, because she could not see, and because Nurse Fran has her quiet hospital shoes on, Mrs. Potato Head did not even know Nurse Fran had come into the room.

"Oh! I'm so sorry!" said Nurse Fran. "Your family is here to see you."

In came the Tater Tots saying "Happy Mother's Day Gramma. We have some flowers for you!"



And Mr. Potato Head said "Happy Mother's Day mom!" And he kissed her on the forehead. She tried to smile, but because she could not SEE her Tater Tots or her son or the flowers, she remained sad.

Later, Uncle Floyd came by. He said "We all missed you at church this morning but I reckon I missed you the most!" And he told her about what a good sermon Pastor Ed gave. And before he left, he gave her a big kiss, right on the lips! And Mrs. Potato Head's smile returned, at least until Uncle Floyd left the room.



She wanted so much to SEE. She does not like the darkness! To her it felt like a very long dark tunnel with no flashlight and with only the tiniest bit of light way far at the end. There was no telling what abominations or falsehoods were lurking close by in the shadows.

Pastor Ed came by after church to visit her. "I'm afraid I will always be in this long dark tunnel where it is always night and the morning light never comes," she told him. Before he left, Pastor Ed offered this prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, We ask for your blessing on Mrs. Potato Head as she makes this journey of darkness. Please help her to be strong and to have courage. Bring light to her eyes, just as you have brought light into the lives of all who have faith in You. Amen."



Then Pastor Ed made the sign of the cross on her forehead.

When he left, she could not see that Pastor Ed had also placed the cross from his office beside her bed so that it might give comfort to her.

Then Nurse Fran came in with the doctors to try their last idea about her eyes. First they removed the bandage from the place where her eyes go in. Then they retrieved her eyes from the handy little storage place she has back here! This is a rather old fashioned approach, but sometimes it works better than all the new technology. They got out their instruments and the doctors very carefully used a potato peeler to make the hole for her eyes a tiny bit larger. It must have gotten crushed closed a bit when she fell. Then they put her eyes in place and used an old-fashioned potato masher to carefully push the eyes securely into place.



Ta Da! Mrs. Potato Head could see!

And the very first thing she saw was the cross that Pastor Ed had placed beside her bed.

And her smile returned to stay for good!

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