

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Seeing Through Gods Eyes

1 Samuel 16: 7

When we look at the world around us, what do we see? What we see, who we see, and how we see, as believers, has nothing to do with our physical eyesight, but has everything to do with our spiritual state of mind. It does not matter what we do, or where we go, we are always going to encounter and make contact with those things which God has placed within our lives, and these encounters are not accidental, for they are by Gods design. God has divinely arranged our daily lives so that he might accompany us in our everyday encounters as an example unto us, for what he sees, and how he sees, is considerably different from how that we see. Often time, when we look, all that we can see is the world, but when Christs looks, he sees far more, for although he is looking at the same thing, he sees through the love and compassion of the father, he sees through Gods eyes. Therefore, we must learn to see through Gods eyes so that through his love, and compassion we might be eager to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world around us.

1 Corinthians 13: 12,....for now we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face, now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known....

God calls us to be nothing more, and nothing less than what he has created us to be. Therefore, we are to quit looking on the outward or worldly appearance of things, and we are to look instead at that which God has created, and we are to look for the purpose of that creation. Our knowledge of God will always be incomplete, it is only a partial glimpse of what might be known of him. This practical knowledge, which we will continue to have until we see him face to face is described unto us as seeing through a glass, darkly, meaning that we will never understand the fulness of God, God however is never limited in his knowledge, and even though we do not see or understand all of it ourselves, we must, through prayer and study of his word, strive, through his wisdom, and through his knowledge, by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are to strive to understand, so that we might see more clearly what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12: 2,....that ye may prove what is good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God....

1 Samuel 16: 7,....the Lord said unto Samuel. Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature, because I have refused him, for the Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart....

God alone can read the motives of a man, whether or not mankind is influenced by outward works, or if he is one that trust in the Lord, and then acts upon the promises of his word. Even though, as believers, we have been given a new life in Christ, we still retain our old sin nature, therefore, the thoughts of our mind can easily be influenced by either one. We may be able to fool other people, and other people may be able to fool us, for we do not know if a man's heart is pure or not, but we can never deceive the Lord, for only he has the ability to see the intent of the heart.

Proverbs 5: 21,....for the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings....

So, why do we try to justify wrong doings in our life and how do we do it? We do so by simply pretending that no one else knows our wrongdoings, nor will they find out. Now, nothing is hidden from God's eyes, he sees all, he knows all, and this brings comfort unto those who walk uprightly in his righteousness, but it brings fear to those who pursue after worldliness.

Set before humanity are two pathways, and we are given the freedom to choose which pathway that we will take. God does not try to force us in either direction, but he does set before us the pathway of life eternal with him, all the while Satan is setting before us an enticing pathway of worldly pleasures, and it is up to us to choose. Now, not only does God watch all of man's pathways in his life, but he also watches over the choices in which we make, and by doing so, he influences us through the guidance of his indwelling Holy Spirit, so that through prayer and meditation in his word, we might make the right decisions of our own free will. Remember, even though God is watching over us, we are tasked with making our own choices, and with this comes the responsibility of the consequences in our life. Therefore, there will be consequences of blessings that come from making the right choices through him, and there will be consequences of wrath and judgement because of the choices which we have made without him. Which pathway will we choose.

Isaiah 5: 21,.....woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and perfect in their own sight....

Striving to be your own source of goodness, through self-righteousness, wisdom, and knowledge, will only bring an understanding that is arrogant and prideful. This kind of worldly perception will often time convince us that if we do not fully understand something that is written in God's word than it must not be for us, for we say it cannot be fully understood. True wisdom and knowledge begin with the power and the greatness of God's word, which means that we must recognize that God and his word is the only true and trustworthy source that we have of understanding how our life is to work when at its best, for God knows us better than we know ourselves. To have the wisdom of God means to use his word as a standard against all other thoughts and ideas that we might have when we are desperately trying to find answers to questions on our own, we must always come back to the word of God through prayer.

Ephesians 1: 18,.....the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints....

To have the ability to see through Gods eyes means having understanding of what God has already done for mankind, and what God has already provided unto mankind. This means, not only knowing, but understanding the facts of our salvation. This understanding is a tremendous motivational tool for sharing our testimony of faith with others. If we do not understand it ourselves, how will we ever share it with others. Therefore, we pray that through the understanding of God's word our heart may be enlightened, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us.

Ephesians 5: 15 – 17,....see then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil....wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is....

As believers, we are to make the most of every opportunity given unto us by God. But this can only happen as we begin to see through Gods eyes, for only through the eyes of God will we understand that opportunities come in many various forms and standards. Therefore, we must see every situation and circumstance in our life, whether we feel it to be good or bad, we must see it as an opportunity to grow in our faith, mature in our life spiritually, and use it to follow after Gods purpose, plan and will in our life. Remember, those who pray and study Gods word will better see Gods perspective concerning life's issues, and better understand his desires for our life.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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