

The Always God: Always Seeing

This week, we are talking about a God who sees. If God is always seeing, then He the God who cares. I pray this good news gives you hope – God has NOT forgotten you!

The believers in Asia Minor (Turkey) were asking if God saw and cared about them. They are living in intense persecution, being abused, discriminated against, taken advantage of...some dying for their faith in Jesus Christ. Peter writes too these believers, encouraging them to keep their trust in Jesus...to put their hope in Him. He reminds them God still sees and cares about them. 1 Peter 5:6-11

Four truths surrounding God seeing and therefore, caring.

God Sees What We Do.

God is observing everything we do, including when and where we are obedient. Psalm 33:13-15; Proverbs 5:21, 15:3; 2 Chronicles 16:9a; Matthew 6:4-6; Matthew 25 on eternal rewards. He also sees when we are disobedient and sinful. Jeremiah 16:17; Psalm 90:8; Hebrew 4:13; Psalm 121:3b, 8.

Peter wants the believers in Asia Minor, during persecution, to know that God sees whether they are going to:

— (v. 6) “humble themselves” in light of the suffering they are experiencing so that “at the proper time they will be exalted” OR

—they are going to stiffen their neck toward God for what He is allowing them to go through. Knowing God sees us should motivate us to stay the course. He sees. God sees what we do.

God Sees What We Do Not

God is sovereign, ruling and reigning, sitting enthroned over all his creation. He sees things differently than we do. He has a different perspective, and He sees things we don't see. He doesn't just see our obedience or our disobedience...but He sees *the very motives of our heart*. Jeremiah 17:10a; Proverbs 21:2; 1 Samuel 16:7

Why is it that sometimes He doesn't answer our prayer in the way we want Him to or ask Him to? It's because He sees what we don't. He sees ALL the pieces at play...He sees what will bring us harm...He sees what will bring Him the most glory... He sees the cause and effect of every choice we make before we make it...as well as everyone else walking the earth! Romans 8:28

He even sees the spiritual battle in which we are involved. 1Peter 5:7; Ephesians 6:11-12
Peter tells these persecuted believers to stand firm in their faith because it's their faith that allows them to see with spiritual eyes what they could never see with physical eyes.

God Sees What Has Us Down

God is very aware of the believers and the suffering and persecution they are going through. Again, it has not caught Him by surprise. God sees. *God still sees you right now.*

The story of Hagar in Genesis 16. God sees Hagar in her distress, and He promises her that she will have a son. She acknowledges that God see her and cares for her. Genesis 16:13 He is “Jehovah Roi”—“the God who sees me.”

This is the God we serve. He is a God who sees you. He sees what you are going through and in seeing you is looking after you. He cares for you. ! Peter 5:7; Psalm 56:8a; 1 Peter 5:10

God Sees What Jesus Has Done

When God looks at humanity, He sees two categories of people...only two. There are those who are “in Christ” and those who are not.

When we place our faith and trust in Jesus, God no longer sees us and our sin, but instead sees His Son. Colossians 3:3-4

You can’t appear with Him in glory if your life is not hidden with Christ in God.

What does God see when He sees you? Does he see Christ due to you trusting in his sacrificial and substitutionary death on your behalf or does he see someone following their own rule and reign?

If you don’t know this God that sees and cares in a personal way, I want to invite you to know Him today.

And if you do know Him, know with confidence that He is still seeing you...everything you do...and still caring for you like only He can.