***The God Who Sees***

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***Introduction:*** We can build our lives on the solid foundation of God Himself.

 A. One of the keys to life is being able to see clearly in our own environment.

 1. In learning how to drive the ability to *see ahead and anticipate* is crucial.

 2. Men are easily given into overconfidence and thus an inexcusable blindness.
 The pride of life is a powerful tool of Satan. **(Gen 3:4-5; 1 Jn 2:16)**

 3. We should be able to see enough to know we need God’s help.

 B. Having the revelation of the God who sees all is a great blessing. **(Heb 4:12-13)**

 1. God’s word can open hearts and allow men to see themselves. How can this be?

 2. His word comes from the God who sees and knows every man.

***I. The complete and thorough sight of God***

 A. Men have often questioned if God sees their plight. **(Hab 1:2)**

 1. God wants His people to clearly know what He sees. **(Lk 12:7)**

 2. The wicked would like to think they can hide from God.

 B. There is *no physical place* we can go away from God’s sight**. (Psa 139:7-12)**

 1. We can find ourselves in some isolated and dark places. God is there.

 2. If we take time to look anywhere we are we can know that God is there.
 **(Ps 19:1; 14:1-2)**

 C. There is *no place in our hearts* where we can flee from God’s sight.
 **(Psa 139:1-5; 33:13-15)**

 1. When we know that God loves us anyway, then we can willingly open our
 hearts to God.

 2. We can see God’s providence at work in developing, protecting and guiding our
 thoughts and *the life those thoughts direct*. **(Rev 2:18-19)**

 D. God *sees and guides an unseen realm* that has direct effects upon the seen world.
 **(Eph 6:12-13)**

 1. Look at what the Bible teaches about angels and demons. There are many things
 occurring in the unseen realm that impact our lives.

 2. God wants us to know these things and simply trust Him.

 3. Look at one occasion where the two realms were revealed. **(2 Kgs 6:15-17)**

 4. God’s word should be sufficient to open our eyes!

 E. God *always sees*. **(Isa 40:28; Deut 11:12-13)**

 1. God wants us to know these things about Himself.

 2. This knowledge can break down our pride and give us great strength in times of
 despair. **(Prov 15:3)**

***II. How the knowledge of God’s sight changes us***

 A. We see *the value of light over darkness*.

 1. Our God wants to bless us but we must choose to see. **(Jn 3:19-21)**

 2. The path to darkness can become permanent. There must be a fight to see.

 3. We can accept the false concept of God the idolater’s did. Consider the terrible
 end of Belshazzar. **(Dan 5:23-25)**

 4. False concepts of God and His nature can cause many to follow Belshazzar.

 5. God’s people will be dedicated to open communication, study and even rebuke.
 **(Acts 17:11; Jn 18:19-20)**

 B. The presence of God will give us *great courage and comfort*. **(1 Pt 3:12-13)**

 1. We will experience tests in this life. These should draw us closer to God.

 2. We can know God as a rock that *will never disappoint us*. Our response should
 be “teach me your way!” **(Psa 27:8-11)**

 3. We can know that all things will work out to an eternal glory!

 C. We will become more personal in prayer and instant in prayer. **(Phil 4:6)**

 1. The greater our knowledge of God becomes the more precious prayer becomes.

 2. Look carefully at what Hezekiah did before he prayed at what looked like a
 hopeless situation. **(2 Kgs 19:14-19)**

 3. Consider the power of praying to the God of the universe who wishes to act on
 our behalf. **(2 Chron 6:40; 1 Jn 5:14-15)**

***III. The sight of God can bring us great wisdom***

 A. Wisdom *is a choice*! We find it by always looking to God. **(Psa 123:2)**

 1. We take the first step to wisdom when *we know that we know nothing*.

 2. The next step is *reverencing God and His word*. We carefully protect and
 reverently handle this perfect source of wisdom. **(Prov 1:7)**

 3. This attitude is in great contrast to the religious scoffer who believes he can
 outsmart God. **(2 Sam 22:27-20; Isa 29:14-15)**

 4. Satan failed miserably in trying to outthink God. **(1 Cor 2:7-8)**

 B. Wisdom *changes our priorities*. We now view things in light of God’s judgement.

 1. Look at the sad end of the hypocrite who did many things *behind closed doors*.
 Yes, *God does see*! **(Ezk 8:6-13; 2 Chron 16:9)**

 2. Because we serve God we can *live with injustice in this life*. **(1 Sam 24:15-17)**

 C. Wisdom will put a priority on *protecting our consciences*.

 1. We will carefully seek the right teachers. **(2 Cor 11:3-4)**

 2. Why associate and follow those who have the wrong kind of a track record?
 Angry men who plant bitterness will destroy the conscience. **(Titus 1:9-11)**

 D. Wisdom seeks to *see men as God does*. **(1 Sam 16:7)**

 1. Good people often have a hard time identifying deceptive people. Some are
 “code talkers.” **(Rom 16:17-18)**

 2. “Simple” or inexperienced people assume that all have honest hearts.

 3. We must be just and merciful and wise! Our Lord tells us how to discern.

 E. Wisdom will *place a priority on our marriage*. **(Mal 2:14)**

 1. God knows how we are treating our mate and our children.

 2. What a blessed home when we speak and act with awareness of God!

***Conclusion:*** Do you know the God who sees?