

“The Eyes Of The Lord!”
2 Chronicles 16:9

Introduction:

1. 2 Chronicles 16:9 - “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him!”
 - This Message Was Delivered By Hanani The Prophet To Asa, The King Of Judah, About 100 Years After King David!
 - The People Of God Were Divided!
 - A Northern Kingdom, Made Up Of 10 Tribes, Called Israel!
 - A Southern Kingdom, Made Up Of 2 Tribes, Called Judah!
 - And They Were At War!
 - When The King Of Israel Came Against The King Of Judah, Asa Was Afraid & Needed Help!
 - But, Instead Of Turning To The Lord, Asa Turned To The King Of Syria – Who Did Not Know Or Care About The One True God!
 - Asa Even Paid For His Help With “Silver And Gold Out Of The Treasures Of The House Of The Lord And Of The Kings House!” (16:2) In Order To Make A “League” With Him! (16:3)
 - It Worked! But It Did Not Please God!
 - 16:7 - “And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand!”
 - Asa Had A Problem!
 - His Problem Was Not That He Was At War!
 - His Problem Was Not That He Was Afraid!
 - His Problem Was That He Forgot About: “The Eyes Of The Lord!”
 - And So, He Was Reminded That: “The Eyes Of The Lord Run To And Fro Throughout The Whole Earth, To Show Himself Strong In The Behalf Of Them Whose Heart Is Perfect Toward Him!” (16:9)
 2. Asa’s Problem Is Often Our Problem!
 - Have We Forgotten About: “The Eyes Of The Lord”?
 3. Someone Might Say: God Is A Spirit! God Doesn’t Have Eyes!
 - Job Answers This Objection When He Asks:
 - “Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?” (10:4)
 - The Lord God Does Indeed Have Eyes!
 - But They Are Not “Eyes Of Flesh!”
 - They Are Not Like Our Eyes! And That Is Good! Because:
 - He Doesn’t See As Man Sees!
 - His Vision Is Greater Than The Vision Of Any & Every Person!
 - 1 Samuel 16:7 Puts It This Way: “For the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart!”
 4. Remember The Eyes Of The Lord!
1. ***God’s Vision Is Perfect!***
 - **IE:** Haven’t Always Worn Glasses - All Started When My Wife & I Were Dating, And I Kept Asking What The Score Was On The Scoreboard Across The Soccer Field - Go Get Your Eyes Checked! Soon Discovered That My Vision Was Not Perfect! Always Knew This: Lazy Eye! Now, Even My Good Eye Was Bad! But Even Someone With “Perfect Vision” – 20/20 Vision – Depends On A Lot Of Circumstances: Lighting / Obstacles / Etc!
 - God’s Vision Is Perfect!
 - Darkness Is No Match For The Eyes Of The Lord!
 - Psalm 139:11-12 - “If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. / Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee!”
 - Distance Is No Match For The Eyes Of The Lord!
 - Hagar & Ishmael, After Being Sent Away From Abraham & Sarah – Far Away From Her Homes,

- In The Wilderness!
 - Genesis 16:13 - “And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?”
- Obstacles Are No Match For The Eyes Of The Lord!
 - Jeremiah 23:24 - “Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD!”
- God’s Vision Is Perfect!
 - No Matter How Dark You Think It Is:
 - God Sees!
 - No Matter How Far You Think It Is:
 - God Sees!
 - No Matter How Hidden You Think You Are:
 - God Sees!
- Remember The Eyes Of The Lord!

2. *God’s Vision Is Powerful!*

- **IE:** My First Pair Of Glasses Were Not Very Powerful - But As They Years Have Gone By, I’ve Needed More Powerful Lenses! You Might Even Need Two Or Three More Powerful Lenses! (Bi / Tri Focals) But The Eyes Of The Lord Are Infinitely Powerful!
- The Lord’s Eyes Are Upon Every Thing!
 - Hebrews 4:13 - “Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do!”
 - He Sees All Things!
 - It Is As If Everything Is Laid Bare & Naked Before Him!
 - Everything That Is Tried To Be Covered Up, He Sees Through – Completely Through!
 - X-Ray – To The Soul!
 - What God Sees, He Knows!
 - God’s Vision Is Powerful!
- The Lord’s Eyes Are Upon Every Place!
 - Proverbs 15:3 - “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good!”
 - Wherever God Is, His Eyes Are There Also!
 - Because God Is Everywhere, He Sees Everything In Every Place!
 - He Sees All That Is Good!
 - He Sees All That Is Evil!
 - God’s Vision Is Powerful!
- The Lord’s Eyes Are Upon Every Person!
 - Proverbs 5:21 - “For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings!”
 - God Sees! God Sees Every Person! God Sees You!
 - Wherever You Are!
 - Wherever You Are Going!
 - Whatever You Are Doing!
 - Your Ways Are “Before The Eyes Of The Lord!”
- God’s Vision Is Powerful!
 - He Sees Every Thing! Every Place! Every Person!
 - The Lord’s Eyes Are Right Now Upon You!
 - Remember The Eyes Of The Lord!

3. *God’s Vision Is Pure!*

- Even Though God Sees All That Is Good & All That Is Evil, This Doesn’t Mean That He Looks At Them In The Same Way!
 - **IE:** When I Look At Someone Else’s Vacation Pictures, I Look At Them Differently Than My Own! So:
- Habakkuk 1:13 - “Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man

that is more righteous than he?”

- The Lord's Eyes Are Pure!
- Sin Cannot Hold His Attention! (Behold - Gaze)
- Sin Cannot Gain His Approval! (Look - Regard)
- Sin Cannot Suspend His Anger!
- He Looks Upon Sin Differently Than The Way He Looks Upon Righteousness!
- How Do The Eyes Of The Lord See You?
 - Throughout The Times Of The Kings Of Israel & Judah, We Learn How God Saw Them:
- Are You Doing That Which Is Right In The Sight Of The Lord?
 - 1 Kings 15:5 - “Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite!”
- Are You Doing That Which Is Evil In The Sight Of The Lord?
 - As Many Other Kings Did!
 - You Will Not Hold His Attention!
 - You Will Not Gain His Approval!
 - You Will Not Suspend His Anger!
- God's Vision Is Pure!
 - How Does He See You With His Eyes?
 - Remember The Eyes Of The Lord!

4. *God's Vision Is Peaceful!*

- Only When God Sees You Through The Lens Of His Own Son, Jesus Christ, Can You Take Comfort In The Perfect / Powerful / Pure Eyes Of The Lord!
 - When You See Yourself The Way God Sees You, When You Realize That You Can Run But You Cannot Hid From His Eyes, Then You Will / You Must Turn To Jesus With All Your Heart!
 - And When You Do, You Will See The Peace In God's Eyes!
 - **IE:** Ever Looked Someone In The Eyes, And Felt Immediate Peace & Comfort! This Is What It Is Like For A Child Of God To Look Into The Eyes Of God!
- The Eyes Of The Lord Are Full Of Grace!
 - Genesis 6:8 - “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD!” (Not Noah's Wife!)
 - Favor & Acceptance!
- The Eyes Of The Lord Are Full Of Goodness!
 - In Jeremiah's Prophecy To Judah, To Give Them Hope In The Middle Of Their Hopeless Captivity, He Writes:
 - Jeremiah 24:6-7 - “For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. / And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart!”
 - Things That Are Pleasant & Prosperous! Not Primarily Physical, But Spiritual, And A Special Relationship With Him! This Is Real Goodness!
- The Eyes Of The Lord Are Full Of Glory!
 - Zechariah 2:8 - “For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye!”
 - You Are Special To Him! What Affects You Affects Him! What Offends You Offends Him!
- Is This How The Eyes Of The Lord See You?
 - Are They Eyes Of Peace?

Conclusion:

1. Remember The Eyes Of The Lord!
 - Don't Make The Same Mistake That Asa Did!
 - The Lord Sees You With His Eyes!
 - How Does He See You?
2. 1 Peter 3:12 - “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but

the face of the Lord is against them that do evil!"

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