

God Sees the Heart

Not long ago during my daily Bible reading time, I was reading about how Samuel anointed David as king. Samuel was directed to the house of Jesse the Bethlehemite where God told him that he had provided a king among his sons. The first son that was presented to Samuel was Eliab and based on his appearance, Samuel was sure that he was the one that God had in mind.

***1 Samuel 16:7** But 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.*

As I read this verse, God initiated these thoughts:

God does not see things the same way that man sees things. God has no carnal sight! His observations of man are not based on man's appearance or upon man's performance. God only sees spiritual truth! When God looks on the heart, is his seeing based on the man's attitude or his integrity knowing what that man will do in the future? No! That would be basing his sight on carnal perceptions.

Strong's Concordance defines the word heart as the most interior organ. What is man's most interior being made up of? What does God see in the core of man?

***Ephesians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:*

***4** According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

We were created in God's image. God sees us in Him-as a part of himself. He sees us Holy and without blame. His sight is not based

on what we have done, but on what he has done for us, his creation, out of his love for us. His observation is not based upon the power that the man has to bring himself up to God's level. It is based on God's own power and the integrity of his own word.

***1 Corinthians 4:7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

We may not know who we are. We may be deceived and our eyes may be blinded, but the truth of the matter is, residing within every one of us is the God given power [spiritual genetics] to be who we were created to be. **Romans 3:3-4**

According to the story in **1 Samuel 16**, seven sons of Jesse were presented to Samuel before he brought in David and they were all rejected. Their rejection was not based on carnal perceptions that God had about them. They were rejected because God did not create them to be the king. That is not who they were.

As we evaluate both others, and ourselves we need to continually keep in mind that we are who we are by the grace [*or according to Strong's Concordance-the divine influence that God has upon our hearts*] of God. We are who you are because of what God has done for us. We can't compare ourselves one with another. We have different God given talents and strengths. **Romans 12:3-6**

Man, according to his carnal nature judges things by the flesh.

Eliab saw David's heart with different eyes than God did.

***1Sa 17:28** And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.*

God only has spiritual sight, but man has the capability to see both carnally and spiritually and the problem comes with mixing the two.

Salvation comes to us when we realize that we don't have the capacity to enter into the things of the kingdom apart from the work of the cross and the influence of the Holy Spirit. We realize that if anything is going to come of us, it will have to be God's doing or nothing. Once we come to that realization, it is easy to slip back into the carnal mode.

We search out the scriptures and find examples of people like David, Abraham, Jacob, Paul, and the list goes on. We search out their good attributes that made them such godly men. We try with the power of our flesh to reproduce those attributes in our own lives. What made those people great was not what they did based on their own strength. Every one of them failed in their own strength! They simply realized that God was their source.

No matter what situation David found himself in, he ran to God because he knew that he was his source. He believed that God was a merciful God and that he would have mercy on Him. **Hebrews 4:12-16** He had a heart after God's own heart! His eyes were always on God.

Abraham was the father of faith; of faith in God divinely intervening in his life. **Romans 4:1-5 Message**-When Abraham entered into what God was doing for him, that was the turning point.

Romans 9:9-13,16 Before he was ever born, God determined that Esau would serve Jacob. God's decision was not based on his foreknowledge of their performance or upon the order of their birth.

***Rom 9:16** So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*

Most people have heard the teachings about how they need to be more like all of the role models. Not many people however, have learned how to enter into what God is doing for them.

***Jer 9:23** Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:*

Jer 9:24 *But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.*

Judgment-divine law, a verdict that can be favorable or unfavorable, manner, justice including a particular right or privilege

God has prepared his throne for judgment based on His divine law. He judges the world according to his righteousness, not man's.

Psalms 9:7-10, 16

1 Corinthians 2:2,5 I determined to know nothing among you but Jesus Christ and Him crucified, that the power might be of God and not of man.

Gal 6:14 *But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.*

Gal 6:15 *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.*

Gal 6:16 *And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.*