

The All Seeing Eye Of God

It is my constant prayer to God that He give me the message that He wants to deliver through me. That is the case here and now. I pray that you will find yourself being instructed in the faith of Jesus Christ as we, together, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, contemplate a little of the greatness of the all seeing eye of God. The scripture says from Ac.15:18:

“Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world”

Of all the attributes of God, the fact that He is omniscient is one of the most expressive attributes of His eternal character.

Eph.1:5-6 declares of God’s dealing with us that our entire existence is to be viewed as His: “having predestinated us [the tense used here substantiates the absolute predestination of us by God] unto the adoption of children [or, (lit.) unto the adoption of our “sonship”] by Jesus Christ [the eternal only begotten Son of God] to Himself -- according to the good pleasure of His will (6) to the praise of the glory of His grace, [in other words, according to His eternal good pleasure, and unto the eternal praise of the glory of His grace] wherein He hath made us accepted [or, wherein He has “dealt graciously with us”] in the beloved.”

Eph.1:11, then, goes on to substantiate this truth when it says: “In whom [I.e. “in Christ -- in eternity”] also we have obtained an inheritance [again, the tense used here serves to authenticate an already completed occurrence] being predestinated [completely corroborating what is communicated in vs.5 -- being absolutely predestinated] according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will [I.e. eternal God -- in accordance with His eternal will and purpose -- is the source of the power that is performing right now in present time everything that the Great Almighty Triumvirate has determined and purposed from eternity to be done where our inheriting eternal life and salvation is concerned]

This truth was presented in the Holy Spirit inspired preaching of Peter at Pentecost -- where God’s omniscience is specifically referred to in that very notable sermon: Acts 2:23> “Him [I.e. Christ Jesus] being delivered [I.e. presently “given up”] by the determinate counsel and

foreknowledge of God [I.e. “by the eternal determination of Triune God’s omniscience] you have taken -- and by wicked hands have crucified and slain...”

God’s omnipresence and power perform His eternal purposes, but it is His omniscience that conceives, decrees and then determines all that He has eternally done! Time -- present time -- is the staging arena -- the platform -- upon which God has determined to display all that He has purposed to be done in eternity -- for His eternal glory.

Therefore, His omniscience is profound in that it penetrates into the very fabric of the eternality of His purposes. God, Himself, states this truth quite plainly: Is.14:24> “The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, ‘Surely as I have thought -- so shall it come to pass; and, as I have purposed -- so shall it stand!’”

Regrettably, however, the omniscience of God is grossly understated, and even purposefully ignored where human fallen-ness is concerned. Fallen human reasoning cannot even compute what it means to be continually scrutinized -- inside and out -- from beginning to end -- by the all seeing eye of an holy omniscient God.

For example, Ps.139 makes such descriptive statements as: (1) “O Lord, thou hast searched me [or, intimately examined me] and known me. (2) Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising. You understand [the evidence of really and truly knowing] my thought afar off...” (4) “For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.” (6) “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me. It is high. I cannot attain unto it!” (17) “How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! (18) If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand!”

What exactly, therefore, is the verse really telling us when it says: “Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world”? Why was James led of the Holy Spirit to make such a remarkable announcement as this?

The immediate context of this verse is the fresh realization that God has revealed His eternally saving claim on a chosen people that is multi-national, and not just Jewish.

Acts 15:7-9 “And when there had been much disputing [concerning the increasing numbers and numerous occasions of the Gentiles coming into repentance and faith in Christ] Peter rose up and said unto them, ‘Men and brethren, you know [or, you are quite acquainted with the indisputable facts, and you understand] how that a good while ago [Acts 10] God made choice among us that the Gentiles, by my mouth, should hear the Word of the Gospel and believe. (8) And God -- which knoweth the hearts [or, God who is the heart-knower of all mankind -- see Ps.33:13-15 which says: “The Lord looketh from heaven; He beholds all the sons of men, (14) from the place of His habitation. He looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. (15) He fashioneth their hearts alike -- He considereth all their works.”; Ac.1:24 declares of God> “...Thou Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men...”] bare them witness in giving to them the Holy Spirit even as He did unto us! (9) And, He put no difference between us and them -- (lit.) having purified their hearts by the faith.”

Peter, in vs.11, makes the additional astounding statement of conclusion: (lit.)“But by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ -- we believe to be saved in the same manner as they also!” [or, we believe to be saved ones; or, we believe that we, indeed, are saved ones by the grace of Christ Jesus just like they are]

Peter made this Holy Spirit inspired declaration -- and then there came a profound period of silence that fell upon everyone who was there. A silence that was only to be broken by James who spoke up and said: Acts 15:13-18> “Men and brethren, hearken unto me -- (14) Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them [or, to take out from all other nationalities] a people for His Name. (15) And to this agree the words of the prophets -- (lit.) as it has been written: [and then James quotes from the prophecy of Amos which says] (16) ‘After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down. And, I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up (17) that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles upon whom my Name has been called, saith the Lord -- who doeth all these things.’ (18) Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world.” [or, all His works from eternity]

It is God’s omniscience that settled the matter of the fact of what was right then happening in and among them and all around them. Acts 15:12, relates how Paul and Barnabas told the others of their wonderful

experiences in evangelizing the Gentiles. James, then, brings out how God declared in advance through the writing of His prophets that this time would indeed come to pass. And, he is led of the Holy Spirit to declare that God, from all eternity, has purposed all of His works in regard to the salvation of all of His elect! All of God's works of saving grace have been completely accomplished -- *"from the beginning of the world"* -- through the eternal Son of God!

The sinful flesh of all of fallen mankind, on the other hand, does not really want to even think about the fact that nothing that happens is independent of God's omniscience. Nothing among men that is willed, wanted or worked out -- ever escapes God's all inclusive omniscience. He foreknew that it would be -- because He pre-determined that it should be -- and He has, in essence, described all that we are, or ever will be, in His holy Word. His Word is a holy mirror that gives forth a true reflection of the state of our souls. He sees us, each one, through and through. He knows us, each one, even better than we know ourselves. Our entire being from the very origin of our physical existence along with our ultimate spiritual experience after this life is over has been seen and known -- has been purposed, fixed and accomplished -- in complete accordance with the Word of holy, holy, holy God. In fact, it is holy scripture that dogmatically declares from Ps.100:3 and Acts 17:28: *"Know ye --that the Lord, He is God. It is He that has made us -- and not we ourselves."* Holy scripture also explains in no uncertain terms that: *"in Him we live and move and have our being"*.

We are here in this fallen world because He has, indeed, eternally purposed a place in this fallen world for our existence. And, He, being God as He alone is -- having purposed a place for us in the existence of His vast creation -- has also seen to it that each of our destinies have been determined according to an accountability that we have to His holy Word that none of us can escape having to face up to. An accountability for each of us to be a fulfillment of what His Word describes, either of a sinner that is lost in their flesh -- in their sins -- or, a sinner that is saved by God's grace through the person and work of God's only begotten Son. We all are either a sinner that lives out his time here in this world serving only himself, or a sinner that -- by God's grace -- lives to serve and glorify the eternal Savior and only substitute for sinners that there ever was, is, or ever will be -- the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no getting around it -- it will be one way or the other!

Once again, His Word of Truth says from Heb.9:27 and Ro.14:12: ***“And as it is appointed unto men -- once to die -- and after this the judgment!”*** ***“So then, everyone of us shall give account of himself to God.”*** And, it is most certain and sure that a holy and just judgment will take place upon our God ordained and totally accountable immortal souls.

The Word of God boldly and plainly attests from 2Tim.1:10 regarding His saved ones that His purpose and grace which was given to them before the world began: ***“...is now made manifest [or, is now revealed] by the appearing [the revelation] of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light [or, life and incorruptibility to light] through the gospel...”***

Nothing escapes God’s omniscient notice. He does not overlook even the most trivial of aspects concerning that which makes up our whole lives. The deepest, darkest secrets of our hearts are entirely exposed to the sight of His holy eye. This is true of every man, woman or child in and throughout all the generations of the history of fallen humanity. All of us are held in strict account with that which His holy Word describes. For it is descriptively written from He.4:12-13 concerning His holy Word that: ***“the Word of God is quick [or, living] and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword -- piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. [this includes the very willingness of human behavior] (13) Neither is there any creature that is not manifest [or, revealed] in His sight, but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”*** [or, ***“to whom we must give account.”***]

Now then, what exactly does this mean about who we really are in this fallen world?

This means that one is either a lover -- a follower -- of the Lord Jesus Christ, or they are not. The foreboding reality of our current culture that at present claims so much to be Christian is that people’s beliefs about the Lord Jesus Christ are so much inundated with iniquity -- perversions of the truth. And, the fact is that these perversions of the truth directly concern what the Word of God plainly teaches is the only true, pure and sound doctrine of the gospel of God’s grace. And, errors and heresies serve only to further defile the already flesh oriented mind

of fallen man -- further confuse his flesh oriented judgment -- and further corrupt his flesh oriented affections. This is true of all unregenerate believing sinners of “iniquitized Christianity” everywhere. And, it is in the reality of this situation that makes it so profound to realize that God’s holy omniscient eye --His most penetrating holy gaze of perfection -- sees clearly the truth of this matter among us and within us. Is.64:6-7 “*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags -- and we all do fade as a leaf -- and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (7) And there is none that calleth upon thy Name; that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee...*” And, our accountability to His Word of truth is just waiting to be revealed and reckoned upon us. Therefore, since the Bible plainly states that: “Whatsoever is not of faith -- is sin!” what a day of reckoning that will truly prove to be!

God has manifested -- God has revealed -- His pure Word of truth -- His holy Word of faith -- in His eternally beloved Son -- who is our Lord and Savior, Jesus. John was inspired by the Holy Spirit to declare from 1Jn.1:1-3: “*That which was from the beginning* [or, from eternity], *which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes,* [this is the “hearing ear” and the “seeing eye” of Pr.20:12 that alone experiences Christ] *which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled,* [or, in other words, which we experienced first hand during our lifetime in this world] *of the Word of life;* [or, that life which is the divine source of our accountability; even the very Son of God, Himself] (2) *(for the life* [i.e. the only life that truly pleases God and is accepted by Him into holy Heaven] *was manifested* [or, revealed] *and we have seen it, and bear witness and show* [or, (lit.) announce] *unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested* [or, revealed] *unto us)* (3) *that which we have seen and heard -- declare we unto you* [or, announce we unto you] *that you also may have fellowship with us.* [I.e. like minded and “like kindred” fellowship] *And, truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.*”

John writes after this fashion concerning the Lord God that was personally revealed unto him. Before God can be known by fallen man, He must reveal Himself unto him. And, this revelation of Himself He has done -- He has accomplished -- in Jesus Christ! Triune God sent the Son of God into this world to be the Son of Man. The God/Man was sent into the age of sin and death to do this work of divine revelation unto certain

fallen sinners in this fallen world. These certain fallen sinners are all that comprise God's elect unto eternal salvation. The Lord Jesus Christ is God's true and only perfect representation of Himself before sinners of this fallen world who have been chosen to receive the revelation of Himself. And, He is the true and only perfect representation before God of sinners who also have been chosen to be redeemed, reconciled and saved by Him. His representation as being the eternal Son of God is made before the sinners He has saved to show them that He is their Savior. And, His representation as being the eternal Son of Man is made before God on behalf of these same sinners in order to show God that these are His saved ones -- His sons -- His children of Light in which there is no darkness. This truth is so important for us to come to understand -- especially when we contemplate the omniscience -- the all seeing eye of almighty God.

Pr.15:3 boldly declares that: "The eyes of the Lord are in every place -- beholding the evil and the good." And, as far as that is concerned, it is written in the record of scripture from 2Chr.16:9 (during the reign of Asa -- the king of Judah circa 940 B.C.) these words: "For 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."

But, the one and only omniscient God has this to say from Jer.17:9-10 concerning the heart of fallen man: "The heart [of fallen man] is deceitful [or, lit. crooked; fraudulent] above all things -- and desperately wicked [or, incurably sinful] -- who can know it?!" And, then He, Himself, answers the question. He says: "I the Lord search the heart -- I try the reins, [I.e. He sees the inward parts and the downward depths of the sinfulness of our hearts] even to give every man according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings."

The heart of fallen man is altogether corrupted by sin...and it is holy God that sees it and says that it is so! What a solemn reality this indeed is! Your heart -- my heart -- with all its unspeakable pride -- and all of the depths of its deceitfulness and fraud is completely exposed to holy and just God. There is not a wish that rises up from within us against God -- or a thought of our mind that revels in rebellion against His sovereignty -- that goes unnoticed by Him with whom we have to do.

This naturally raises the question as to which one of us, then, has a heart that is perfect toward God? Indeed, Ecc.7:20 boldly states that,

“There is not a just man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not!”
And, from Ez.18:20 God says: **“The soul that sins -- it shall die”**

These are two terse statements of undeniable and inescapable truth! Is it any wonder why the second and third verses of the 14th Psalm declare: **“The Lord looked down from Heaven upon the children of men** [i.e. the omniscient eye of holy God thoroughly scrutinized all the sons of Adam] **to see if there were any that did understand and seek God -- (3) They are all gone aside -- they are all together become filthy -- there is none that doeth good, no not one!”**

This describes all of fallen humanity without a single exception! Unless there come to pass a major transformation that affects all of our entire being and estate for all of eternity, it is certain that we will be eternally lost to a most miserable and unfavorable judgment! The very next phrase of holy scripture from this Psalm poses a most foreboding question. It asks: **“Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge ...and call not upon the Lord?”**

Holy God must render a holy justice upon anything and everything that is unholy. It is impossible for Him to do anything less. Think about it! The omniscient eye of God’s holy justice examines thoroughly everything that makes you to be who you really are...in your entire fallen condition. Every unbelieving thought -- every wicked desire -- every selfish and covetous motive -- and every idle word that is uttered is a focal point for the execution of the holy justice of omniscient God. Do you believe this? Whether you do or not is irrelevant to the fact of its reality...upon all of us. When we are murdering someone by hating them -- the all-seeing eye of God’s justice beholds that murder. When we are casting untoward and lustful looks -- the all-seeing eye of God’s justice sees those looks and regards them as actual acts of immorality. When we are caught by God’s holy gaze with covetousness in our hearts -- even for just a brief second -- our whole eternity is by this determined to be done.

And, when God -- by His Holy Spirit -- truly reveals the reality of this truth unto your understanding -- you will suddenly experience and discover that you do have a conscience in regards to the way that you live in this fallen world. You have an awakened conscience of thinking -- an awakened conscience of speaking -- because now it is realized that

you have an accountability before God that is directly related with and to a pure, uncompromised knowledge of His holy Word. A knowledge of His Word of truth of which you were before so ignorant! But, your ignorance is no defense for your lost estate. And, this Holy Spirit revealed pure knowledge and understanding of the truth is not so much a knowledge and understanding that you have gotten a hold of -- but rather it is a knowledge and understanding that has gotten a hold of you...and by that hold on you, it changes you! For with this Holy Spirit given and grace- obtained knowledge and understanding of God -- you cannot think and speak of things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ in the same way that you used to think and speak. You don't dare to do that! Purity permeates and pervades the performance of your whole person... praise the Lord!

Being enlightened to the omniscience of God illuminates the reality that sinners desperately need a Mediator -- a substitute on your behalf -- a Savior. The Word of God reveals that God's justice is most glorified in His salvation of sinners -- sinners such as we are. And, in short, the explanation of this truth is this 1Ti.2:5: "*There is one God and one mediator between God and man -- the man Christ Jesus -- who gave Himself a ransom for all...*" And this 1Ti.1:15, "*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners!*"

Here indeed is another inescapable aspect of God's omniscience, viz., that the all-seeing eye of His inflexible and His infinite justice upon sin -- and certain chosen ones of all the sinners that sin has made -- is focused, not on them at all, but upon the man, Christ Jesus, their mediator. He it is that gave Himself to be their ransom! The Word of grace and truth of the faith of Jesus Christ declares concerning Him: "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree -- that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness..." ^{1Pe.2:24} And again, the Word of God plainly puts it: "For He hath made Him to be sin for us -- who knew no sin -- that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." ^{2Co.5:21}

God's all-seeing eye of justice sees Him as our sin --as well as the fact that it beholds us as the pure, the precious and the pristine righteousness of Jesus -- whom alone holy God is pleased with. All of this is viewed by God upon, in and through the eternal person and work of His beloved and only begotten Son. In fact, it is in and through the

context of the person and work of Christ as being the Propitiation for elect sinners that the truth that declares: “Known unto God are all His works from the beginning the world” comes forth. He, Christ Jesus -- the eternal Son of God -- is, alone, worthy of all the glory for the eternal salvation of His entire Church!

God, Himself, boldly declares from Is.45:21 “...Who hath declared this from ancient time? [or, from antiquity; or, from eternity] Who hath told it from that time? [or, (lit.) from that place before time?] Have not I the Lord? And there is no God else beside me -- a just God and a Savior. [He is both the distributor of divine justice, and the only Savior from its full execution that there is] There is none like me!” And, again from Is.46:9-11: “For I am God, and there is none else. I am God, and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning -- and from ancient times, the things that are not yet done; saying, ‘My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure... Yea, I have spoken it -- I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it -- I will also do it.’”

Note that God’s justice and grace are both brought into perspective where the sinner’s salvation through the person and work of Christ is concerned. It has to be this way! It cannot be any other way! The Word of His perfect justice and grace declares these precious statements of description from Is.53:10-11: “The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” “It pleased the Lord to bruise Him.” “He hath put Him to grief. When thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed -- He shall prolong His days -- He shall see the travail of His soul -- and shall be satisfied. By His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many -- for He shall bear their iniquities.”

Ps.115:1-3 declares: “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us -- but unto thy Name give glory for thy mercy and for thy truth’s sake. (2) Wherefore should the heathen say, ‘Where is now their God?’ (3) But our God is in the heavens! He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased!”

Praise God He has done it...and He has done it from all eternity -- for all eternity. This is, indeed, the way that He, in His holy omniscience, sees it -- and may we, by His grace, be granted to see it this way, too. For the fact is exactly as 2Tim.2:19 tells us:

“The foundation of God standeth sure -- having this seal: The Lord knows them that are His. And, let every one that nameth the Name of Christ --

depart from iniquity.”

May God grant that Ro.15:13 deliver to us this very apt benediction: *“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope -- through the power of the Holy Ghost.”*

Amen