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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 <u>see ahead and anticipate</u> 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 <u>will never disappoint us</u>. 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 <u>reverencing God and His word</u>. 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 <u>behind closed doors</u>. Yes, <u>God does see</u>! (Ezk 8:6-13; 2 Chron 16:9)
 - 2. Because we serve God we can <u>live with injustice in this life</u>. (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 <u>see men as God does</u>. (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?