

# THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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## The Eyes of God

The Bible has much to say about the eyes of God. So, with the thought of God's eyes in mind, let's examine some things concerning the eyes of God. Beginning with...

### God's Eyes Are In Every Place.

Hanani the seer, speaking to Asa king of Judah, spoke these words, "*For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth...*" (2 Chronicles 16:9). You see, the eyes of God are everywhere, and the Hebrew writer likewise confirms this fact when he writes, "*And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account*" (Hebrews 4:13). Once more, the Bible teaches that the eyes of God are in every place (Proverbs 15:3).

### God's Eyes Are Watching The Ways of Men.

Not only are the eyes of God in every place, but also the eyes of God are watching the ways of men. In Proverbs 5:21, the wise man penned, "*For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He ponders all his paths.*" The prophet Jeremiah also informed that God's eyes are open to the ways of men, when he while praying to God said, "*You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doing*" (Jeremiah 32:19).

Therefore, never forget, God is watching your ways and pondering your paths.

### God's Eyes Are On The Righteous.

In Psalm 34:15, David revealed, "*The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.*" You see, God is favorable toward the righteous. For, as David said, His eyes are not only on the righteous, but also His ears are open to their cry. Therefore, strive to be one who is righteous and keep these words of wisdom in mind, "*...the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day*" (Proverbs 4:18).

### God's Eyes Are On The Wicked.

God's eyes are not just on the righteous, but they are likewise on the wicked. Therefore, God's eyes are on the evil and the good, and in Proverbs 15:3, we read, "*The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.*" Yes, God sees the wickedness of men, even when one may think that no one does. So, may we all avoid the pathway of darkness, and let's remember these words, "*The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble*" (Proverbs 4:19).

### God's Eyes Are Filled With Grace.

One more thought concerning God's eyes is God's eyes are filled with grace. In Genesis 6:8 we read, "*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*" What does this mean? Well, this means, Noah found favor with God, and or he was pleasing unto God, do to his righteousness (2 Peter 2:5). Now the question is, will you, like Noah, find grace in the eyes of the Lord?

These are just a few thoughts concerning the eyes of God. I hope you take these thoughts seriously, and I likewise hope that you will always strive to find favor in the eyes of God.

✍ Brad Phillips

## Someone Is Watching

What parent is there that has not been amused to watch their toddlers try to imitate the things that they've seen? Little girls want to cook like Mom, and boys would love to work on the car like Dad. It's fun to watch.

There's a frightening side to this, too. Our kids continue to imitate us even when they get older. No longer is it little Suzy trying to wear Mom's shoes, or Johnny awkwardly wielding Dad's hammer. It soon becomes an adolescent who follows all the examples - both good and bad - that have been evidenced by the parents.

Dad, do you have a bad temper? Do you speak harshly and in an unkind manner to your wife? Do you lie, cheat, curse?

Mom, do you resent your duties as a wife and mother? Do you have trouble being submissive to your husband? Do you get angry without cause?

Surely you see our point. No doubt you've thought of all this many times before. The simple fact is this: we are teaching our children mighty lessons by means of the examples we set before them.

And, there's no area more influenced by these considerations than our children's spiritual development. Many parents have grown to regret their own negligence in serving God when they saw their children begin to imitate their own indifference and apathy. Christian parent, how's your example?

*✍ Greg Gwin*

## Crucify Again

Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let Him be crucified!" And he said, "Why? What evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let Him be crucified!" (Matthew 27:22-23)

Oh the hostility, opposition and anger directed at Jesus by those who continually shouted, "crucify Him!" How sad, how tragic, that they begged for the murder of the sinless Son of God!

We look back with 20/20 and wonder, "how could anyone do such a thing?" And yet every time a believer falls away, that's exactly what they do. Those who walk with the Lord for a time and then turn back to follow the Devil are "crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding Him up to contempt" (Hebrews 6:6).

May we ever see our need to follow Jesus always, to be led by Him to the end. May we ever strive in humble submission to be a true friend of Jesus, and never be guilty of crucifying Him again.

*✍ David McPherson*

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#### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study .....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship .....	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....	7:00 p.m.

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