

<u>Seeing Yourself as God Sees You (Psalm 139, Genesis 1, Etc.)</u>

Eyes on the Eternal- April 27, 2025

When people see me, they see
When I see me, I see

When God sees me, He sees

Do you see yourself as God sees you?

while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18 NKJV

When God sees you, He sees His unique creation

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. *Psalm 139:14 NKJV*

My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. *Psalm 139:15 NKJV*

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. *Psalm 139:16 NKJV*

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! Psalm 139:17 NKJV

If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. *Psalm 139:18 NKJV*

When you see you, do you see God's unique creation?

When God sees you, He sees an image of Himself

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." *Genesis 1:26 NKJV*

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. *Genesis 1:27 NKJV*

and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, *Colossians 3:10 NKJV*

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. *Romans 8:29 NKJV*

When you see you, do you see an image of God?

When God sees you, He sees someone He loves

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. *John 3:16 NKJV*

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. *John 3:17 NKJV*

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7 NKJV

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:8 NKJV

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 1 John 4:9 NKJV

When you see you, do you see someone God loves?

Do you see yourself as God sees you?

"Faith is believing that it is so, when it is not so, so that it can be so, because God said so." - Manley Beasley

This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

April 27– 1 Pet 5, Family Focus –1 Pet 5: 5-11

April 28- Lev 19, Family Focus - Lev 19:1-3

April 29- Reflection & Prayer

April 30– 2 Pet 1, Family Focus – 2 Pet 1: 12-21 May 1 – 2 Pet 2, Family Focus – 2 Pet 2: 1-3

May 2 – 2 Pet 3, Family Focus – 2 Pet 3: 8-13

May 3 – Rom 1, Family Focus –Rom 1:16-20

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This month, we are learning about Jesus's resurrection and the Easter story!

Memory Verse: "Jesus is alive." Matthew 28:6 (adapted for toddlers)

Parent Connect: Today we made little Bible crafts. Help your toddler read the front and inside of the Bible craft. Remind your toddler that the Bible teaches us that "God loves us!" Hang the Bible craft somewhere where you can remind your toddler of this throughout the week.



In this series, we will learn about the greatest Easter story – Jesus dying on the cross for our sins and rising from the grave. The series will cover starting with the Last Supper and continue to His promised return.

Memory Verse: "He is not here: for He is risen as he said." Matthew 28:6a

Heart of the Lesson: Ascension and Promised Return | Luke 24, Acts 1:9-11

Parent Connect: Today the kids learned about Jesus ascending into Heaven and that He promised He will come back. Play a game with your kid by taking soft, light objects and tossing them up. Talk about whether or not they think they will come down slow or fast. Then talk about how Jesus will be coming back down from Heaven someday!



"Descendants" explores our connection to Abraham, revealing how Christians are part of his spiritual family. Through engaging stories and lessons, kids will discover the power of God's promises and learn how He faithfully keeps them. Join us as we journey through faith and uncover our incredible heritage as descendants of Abraham.

Memory Verse: Genesis 26:4 "I will cause your descendants to become as numerous as the stars of the sky, and I will give them all these lands. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed."

Heart of the Lesson: God Keeps His Promises | Genesis 11 & 12



We are always looking around us. We can't help it. We see our lives and the lives of our friends and family around us. We know how our parents see us, how our teachers see us and how we see others. We don't often

stop to look at how God sees us, sees our family, see our resources or success. We also don't always view these things in light of eternity. This month we will challenge ourselves to see things the way that God sees them as we keep our Eyes on the Eternal.

Memory Verse: "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine." Isaiah 55:8

Heart of the Lesson: Seeing Yourself as God See You – God sees you as a unique creation (Psalm 139:14-16, Genesis 1:26-27, John 3:16-17)

Parent Connect: As a parent we want to encourage you this week to write an encouraging verse on the mirror in your student's bathroom or mirror in their room. A great verse, is Psalm 139:14 - "Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it." Don't let them forget that they were wonderfully made by their Creator.

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EYES ON THE ETERNAL



If we want to see the world the way God sees it, we need to understand God's eternal perspective! We can understand God's perspective on things that are important to us by looking at what God's Word, the Bible says. This series, we're learning to have our eyes on the eterna things by taking time to understand how God sees the things in our own lives!

Memory Verse: "Think about things that are in heaven. Don't think about things that are only on earth. (Colossians 3:2 NIRV)

Heart of the Lesson: When we see ourselves as God sees, we see His kids (Psalm 139:14-18, Genesis 1:26-27, John 3:16-17, 1 John 4:7-9)

Parent Connect:

- How does it make you feel to remember that God made you on purpose and with purpose?
- What characteristics of God's do you reflect in your own life?
- Do you believe God loves you? Why or why not?
- Who can you tell this week that God sees His kid when He looks at them?