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WHAT DOES GOD SEE WHEN HE SEES ME?

Robert Jefferies

For a few weeks in March we considered the question, what does God see when he sees me? We began noticing some of the descriptions that the Apostle Paul gives in 2 Timothy 2. He sees a teacher, a soldier, and an athlete. Today, we continue our thoughts by moving through the chapter down to verse 15 where Paul shares the following message. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). When God sees me, He sees a student.

Why be a student? Please consider the following reasons. 1) Before we can be teachers, we must spend time in the word. We cannot teach that which we have not studied first. It is needful that we spend time reading and meditating upon the messages found therein. In Paul's first letter to his beloved Timothy he wrote, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine" (1 Timothy 4:13). Just two verses later he directed him to the following. "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all" (1 Timothy 4:15). The word "meditate" means to "revolve around in the mind."¹ In essence, a person is going to spend time thinking about what they have read and studied. 2) To stand approved before God. The idea is to present myself for inspection and receive approval. 3) To rightly divide the word. Some translations say, "handling it aright." If the Bible can be dividing rightly, it can also be wrongly divided. If the Word of God can be handled aright, it can also be handled wrongly. How often do we see a person doing something wrong spiritually (i.e. worship) because they have wrongly divided the word of God?

What warnings are given to the student? The Apostle Paul told Timothy "But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some" (2 Timothy 2:16-18). The word "shun" means to "avoid."² What is a student to avoid? "Profane and vain babblings." In essence, he is to avoid "useless worldly discussions."³ Why was this warning given? Because, it will lead to further ungodliness (2 Timothy 2:17). This can cause someone to stray from the truth. The Apostle Paul illustrates their message by describing it as a canker that eats away or spreads slowly destroying the body. Spiritually, false doctrine can slowly destroy the spiritual body and he does not want our faith to be destroyed (2 Timothy 2:18).

Are you a student of the Word? What kind of student are you?

¹ Strong's.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.



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GOSPEL MEETING

APRIL 19 - 22, 2026

SPEAKER: BJ Clarke



Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:00 am

“There Really Is A God In Heaven”

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

“The Bible Really Is The Word Of God”

Sunday Afternoon Worship 1:00 pm

“Jesus Really Is The Son Of God”

Monday Evening 7:00 pm

“There Really Is One Church”

Tuesday Evening 7:00 pm

“God Really Does Love You”

Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

“God Really Will Judge You”

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DO YOU HAVE ANY BRASS NAILS?

Author Unknown

After hearing a sermon on confession, a man approached his preacher with a heavy conscience. He asked the preacher what he should do. He explained that he worked for a boat builder and had stolen some expensive brass nails. He could not tell his employer because he would probably lose his job. Further, he explained, "He will think I am a hypocrite. All of the times I shared my faith with him will go to waste." Finally, the guilt got so bad he confessed to his boss. He offered restitution.

The boss responded, "Sir, I always did think you were a hypocrite, but now I feel there is something in this Christianity after all. Any religion that would make a dishonest workman come back, confess that he had been stealing brass nails, and offer to settle for them must be worth having." The man reported his boss' response to his preacher the day before the preacher was to address a group of high school students. In the course of his address, he brought up the story of the brass nails. Later the principal called the speaker and said that more than fifty fountain pens and pencils, four books, and a few other items had been returned. Do you have any brass nails on your conscience? Take care of the matter and sleep easy at night (Matthew 3:8; Acts 22:16; Philippians 3:13).

Sunday Sermons

Lessons Learned From A Game-Part 1 (AM)

Lessons Learned From A Game-Part2 (PM)

Bible Passages To Consider

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Vern Schrimsher is scheduled to have an outpatient procedure on his foot on April 14.

Angie Schrimsher is scheduled to have an outpatient procedure on April 22.

Karen Oglesby has returned to her home.

Linda Stone is in stage 4 kidney failure.

Rannie Butler is taking therapy at Senatobia Healthcare and Rehab.

Joyce Valentine is scheduled to have a scan on April 17.

Jean Jones is taking physical therapy at Desoto Healthcare.

Mallory Smothers, granddaughter of Charles & Rebecca Martin, continues to have terrible migraine headaches.

Please continue to remember the following: **Barbara Day, Brenda Dreher, Danna Smart, Alan Stone, Debbie Shull, Dorothy Butler, Betty Culbreath, Pat Pierce, Beverly Parnell, Lucy Chamberlain, & Don Sykes** in your prayers.

BATTLING CANCER

Please remember those who are fighting, or recovering from cancer: **Alan Stone; Brenda Dreher; Pam Eaton; Charlene Farris; Justin Camp**, husband of Kim Camp; **Andrew Utz**, great nephew of Peggy Shull; **Varda Cole**, sister in law of Linda Davis; **Don Cheathour**, friend of the Sykes family; **Joe Daly**, online viewer in England; **Houston Hall**, great nephew of Karen Oglesby & Beth Roney; **David Taylor**, neighbors of the Sykes; **Dan Manuel**, friend of Tommy & Peggy Shull; **Heather Butler**, daughter of Lewis Dawson; **Vickie Parker**, sister of Nick Parker; **Kim Butler**, sister in law of Larry Butler; **Lily Jane Jordan**, neighbor's granddaughter of Terry & Brenda Harris; **Oakleigh Free**, great granddaughter of Alan & Linda Stone; **Mandi Singer**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **Mandy Dunbar**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **TJ Holt**,

cousin of Amber Wallis; **Margarito Zuniga**, father of former member Alan Zuniga; **Becca Reynolds**, niece of Anita Sanders; **Laura Sowell**, mother of Erin Sowell, **Doreen Harris**, former member, **Glenn Jenkins**, the husband of Bonnie Reid's niece, **Carol Tierce**, sister of Peggy Shull & **Whitley Joy**, great niece of Larry & Elaine Melton.

SHUT-INS/ NURSING HOME

Lucy Chamberlain; Debbie Shull; Brenda Dreher; Beverly Parnell; Pam Eaton; Tommy Eaton, State Veterans Home in Oxford, MS; **Phyllis Smith**, The Goldton at Southaven Room #116.

RESPONSES

Lucas Gahagan was baptized into Christ on Tuesday. Please be sure to welcome him to the body of Christ.

MEN TO SERVE - April 12, 2026

Preside: Jason Bayless & Wesley Williams

Serve: Jack Etheridge, Joel White, Sammy Terrell, Steve Fiveash, Tim Vanderhook, Dillan Fiveash

AM Opening Prayer: Nick Parker

AM Closing Prayer: Ron Bobo

PM Opening Prayer: Gary Barch

PM Closing Prayer: Chris Tice

Wed. Opening Prayer: Timmy Willis

Wed. Closing Prayer: Hilton Jefferies

Announcements: Andy Young

Song Leader: Brian Williams

Scripture Reading: Walter Warren

Security: Michael Gahagan

REMINDER:

If you are a song leader, scripture reader, or have opening prayer, you are asked to sit on the front pew when worship begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19: Potluck Luncheon

April 19-23: Gospel Meeting with BJ Clarke

April 25: Ladies Day with Celine Sparks. There are sign up sheets on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

June 14-20: Sardis Lake Christian Camp

APRIL FOOD TEAM

Captain: Linda Mitchell

Emily McConnell, Felicia Reed, Lacreese Willingham, Becky Harville

OUR RECORDS

Bible Study	248
A.M. Worship	352
P.M. Worship	174
P.M. Wed. Worship	154
Contribution	\$



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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class.....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....	10:00 a.m.
Sunday P.M. Worship.....	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday P.M. Service.....	7:00 p.m.

ELDERS

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