

OUR SINS SEEN FROM A HEAVENLY VIEW

Psalm 90:8; Isaiah 6:5

Introduction: Everybody knows that no two people see, hear, feel or think the same way and things are often not what they seem to be at the moment. Sometimes things seen from a distance are not anywhere near the same when seen up close, the same truth applies to just about anything else. Two people cannot even read the same verse of scripture and get the very same view, understanding of it. Nothing can be more true than the fact that WE view our sins very differently than God views them. What we hardly pay any attention to that is a sin God regards as deserving much punishment. Why the difference in viewpoint? For one thing God sees our sins in a perfectly clear view, very distinct where we don't even notice some of our sins and then some we ignore and some we cover up.

What if we could/would see our sins as God sees them? How can we see our sins as God sees them? We would have to leave this sinful world and be in a perfect, sinless place as God is and then perhaps we might be able to see the horribleness of our sins.

I. OPEN SINS AS SEEN BY GOD AND THOSE IN HEAVEN

- 1. Describe how it might be leaving this sinful earth and soaring upward to heaven,** passing through the pearly gates into the brightness of God's glory, hearing the angelic voices, choirs, approaching the throne of God, etc.....(Use your imagination, the scripture, etc.....)
 - Nothing is seen but the whiteness of purity, the light of God pouring out all around, perfection, angels, and now a perfect, sinless place, now bring your sins before God.
- 2. Bring your profane, passionate, indecent, corrupt language before God.**
 - How does such language sound in heaven?
 - Is this kind of language fit for an immortal, Child of God, to utter?
 - Is this profaning the name of God language fit for God to hear?
 - The words you have spoken that were untrue, the lies, falsehoods, deceitful expressions, how do they sound before the God of truth?
 - The times you have sworn falsely ("so help me God, etc..."), how does all this sound now as you stand before the God you swore falsely by?
- 3. What about the Sundays, the Sabbaths, the day God told you to keep holy and you didn't?**
 - So unimportant down here on earth, but so important to the ONE who gave the commandment.
 - You stand before the ONE to whom you are indebted for all your life, all your time, who gave you six days to do what you needed to do and reserved ONE day for you to give to Him in worship.
 - Only ONE day God asked for and you gave him none, you spent it doing other things, thus proving yourself unqualified and unfit to be able to enjoy an "endless" Sabbath in God's presence.
- 4. Then there is God's commandments about committing adultery and other associated sins.**
 - How do these things look in heaven now? In the presence of the holy angels, in the sight of the almighty, holy God? Your lust, your unfaithfulness to your wife/husband, forbidden by God yet committed down here by you perhaps. What say you, if guilty, now?
- 5. Do you have anything that belongs to someone else? What about fraud, injustice, dishonesty?**
 - What have you taken without the owner's permission? Look at the hands that stole, how do they look in heaven? In the presence of God?

6. Have you been guilty of being a drunk, a drug addict?

- A creation of God, a Child of God, so self-degraded that you have been wallowing in the mire of your own pollution, how does it feel, look before God and the pure angelic spirits there in heaven?
- Standing before God who has endued you with intellect and given you the ability to be equal with the angels, how does it look, how does it feel to have wasted your life?

II. SECRET, HIDDEN SINS AS SEEN BY GOD AND THOSE IN HEAVEN

- 1. Lay open your heart and reveal what it conceals to those in heaven.**
- 2. Things which you have hidden from public view, from society, even from friends and family, would bring shame and cause you to be banished from all who know you.**
- 3. Every person has thoughts and feelings which he/she would be ashamed to express to anyone yet God knows every single thought and feeling we have.**
- 4. What if all these were laid open, laid bare for all in heaven to view, how would those proud, self-exalting thoughts appear then?**
- 5. How does our self-will, impatience, discontent with the blessings God has given us appear when we stand before the very one who has given us such blessings?**
- 6. What if all our evil thoughts, wrong feelings and countless other sinful feelings were poured out in heaven, the angels would stand back in disgust at the sight in holy indignation.**
- 7. Christian! God already knows all these things, what is in our hearts, that we are full of evil and that our hearts are deceitful and very wicked.**
 - To us our own hearts appear different, but let us view them in God's view, let us see our hearts as God sees them.

III. SINS OF OMISSION AS SEEN BY GOD AND THOSE IN HEAVEN

- 1. Christian, think of all the sins you have committed and then think on all the things you have neglected, have omitted to do that you should have done for the Lord, how do these things appear to God and the angelic host?**
 - Does not God deserve all your admiration, love, reverence, confidence, gratitude and obedience?
 - How can any Christian refuse to withhold his/her affections and service from such a loving God?
 - Our whole lives are nothing but a series of unbroken duties neglected, favors not acknowledged, and how does all this appear before God and the angels in heaven?
- 2. Christians are to love their neighbors as themselves.**
 - How have you carried out this duty which God requires of us, as a husband, wife, parent, child, executive, employee, citizen, member of the human family, member of God's Family?
 - Standing before God, in His holy light, how can we fail to see things left undone, things we should have done, duties left undone, how much more we could have, and should have done.
- 3. Christians are to love, praise and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.**
 - Jesus bought us with His own blood, redeemed us from hell, given us an eternal home, going to give us new bodies at our resurrection.
 - How can we not prefer Him to every earthly thing and not rely upon him with total confidence and live for Him and not ourselves?

- Jesus has given us more than He has ever given even the angels, how can we then fail or be weak not loving, praising and serving Him with our total being?
- How does our behavior appear to those in heaven? How does our behavior appear to God, who is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ?

CONCLUSION:

1. Christian, can you now begin to see how sin appears more numerous and more criminal in the sight of God than down here on earth?
2. Can you not imagine, that if you were really placed in heaven, before the throne of God, with all the light of His glory shining around, all His countenance shining down upon you, every heavenly eye looking down upon you, just how black and numerous your sins really are?
3. There will come a day when all this will come true. Some day YOU will stand in heaven, before the throne of God, with an innumerable heavenly host gathered around and YOU will be called to give an account of your life, not a single second will be left out, not a single thought, not a single act. Every moment of your life you will answer for.
4. Christian, now s the time to become what almighty God wants you to be and live as He wants you to live.
5. If YOU are not a Christian, right now is the time to change that, for you, too, will stand before God and give an account of your life, but you will not be going on to a prepared place in heaven, you will be going on to Hell.