

(1). "The Eyes of God."

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Introd:- (1). Recently two unusual experiences came my way Both in connection with boarding plane to fly to Edmonton and to return. First:- You may think humorous. I wasn't so sure. Went to board..but waved by young man into.. small waiting area..with dear old ladies..decrepit looking old gentleman. I didn't und. why..UNTIL we were all invited to PRE-BOARD the plane. Appar. I was judged to be decrepit old gent! Almost went back box young fellow's ears..challenge to wrestle a bit..BUT DECIDED I HAD BETTER LEARN TRUTH..Time is slipping away..soon be gone..and I shall stand before GOD..to give in my account to Him.

(2). Second event on way back. Came to electronic check station..turned in brief case containing Bible..car keys.. Girl opened..looked thru Bible. "That's my sword".. "Yes, and your shield also, isn't it?" Then I stepped thru. archway where detection apparatus scans you personally.. I was clean! BUT DETECTOR BUZZED! Attendant took hand detector..went over me..pocket buzzed.. "Something" "no" "Yes".. "Only this.." Cough candies..IN TINFOIL! Little unsuspected thing..forgotten..but known to electronic detector. Bit embarrassed...BUT LEARNED AGAIN..Not only time going away..but when stand before God..HIS EYES WILL SEE THROUGH AND THROUGH my life, character, personality...and may find a little SIN-FOIL hidden in some pocket of life. SERIOUS. This is why want share with you some of Bible truths about THE EYES OF GOD..and what they mean to us mortal men, women.

I. And I hope that expression doesn't turn some of you off

(a) Maybe you learned a big word in school days..This: "Anthropomorphology" (Glad that's over!) It means the idea of picturing God in human form..like a man. And Bible says God is NOT a man that he should repent. And yet..in our limited, mortal mind..we picture Him as being like a man. Does God have eyes? YES. Like ours? I don't know... Not physically..but somehow like ours in spiritual sense. Regarding nations who hurt Israel Zech.2:8 says this of God.."He that toucheth you (Israel) toucheth the apple of his eye." Offends very pupil of God's eye.

(b). GOD SEES..whatever His eye is like. Gave that faculty to man when created him in own image..and certainly He has faculty of seeing..far more than our ability..Like electronic machine..He sees through and through..knows every detail..hidden or not. c/f Prov.15:3.."The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." GOD SEES.. Heb. 4:13 "Neither is there any

creature that is not manifest in his SIGHT: but all things are naked and opened unto the EYES of him with whom we have to do." Adam found that out when tried to hide from God. Woman of Samaria knew it when our Lord said to her "Thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is NOT thy husband." Jesus knew ev. detail of ~~sordid~~ life she was living Maybe that scares us. If it does..we need it.....

(c). And God has made very sure that we don't miss the fact of God's SEEING EYE. Gen to Rev..literally... Look at Hagar's experience, Abr's substitute wife taken bec. Srah barren..Gen. 16:6-7,13 "When Sarah dealt hardly with her she fled from her FACE". Sarah beautiful woman..but she coul twist that face to convey vindictiveness until Hagar fled.. Some face! Hagar ran away..And "the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness..And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me." God sees every runaway from path of duty..hard tho it be... Have I done this? Refused face issues of life? Opted out from responsibility God gave me..in home..church? "Seest ME"

(d). That's example from Bible History. Here's another one.. II Chron. 16:9.."For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

Asa, king of Judah had just made alliance with wicked Ben-hadad, the king of Syria, relying on human powers for national safety..when power of God was available. God SAW it and ready to help anybody on whole earth if willing to trust Him. Asa failed.."thou hast done foolishly". Have I? How do I order my life? Own wisdom? How labour in church? By my strength? God says: "My strength is made perfect in weakness." Am I willing to be weak and let God take over? HE SEE

(e). Listen to the Bible Poets..Job 31:4 "Doth not he SEE my ways, and count all my steps?" Poor Job, suffering unthinkable loss..taunted by so-called friends..fell into error of self-justification..not understanding plans of God..And God saw it all. Any of us exempt from this? Never under provocation Job knew..but we are so anxious to hold our reputation high..in self-justifying pride. That hits home! And God sees "all my ways!"

Another Poet.wise man..Prov. 5:20-21 "And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord." HE SEES IT ALL..In office back rooms..motels..hotels..cars in dark lane..bawdy houses.."Eyes of the Lord".

(f). Enough? No..listen now to Prophets. God's eyes are on the nations of earth..Jer. 16:17 "For mine eyes are upon ALL their ways"..Backsliding Israel..Zech.4:10 "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro through the whole earth". Nations

in all their wickedness and sin. And at once we might think of Comm. Russia..Poor overrun Cambodia, Viet Nam.. wicked old United States. WHAT ABOUT CANADA? If ever we needed national repentance..it's today! Our country swamped with tides of violence..immorality..and GREED with both capital and labour grabbing for all they can squeeze out of the other guy. True! God sees it all God is going to judge the nations!..Not blind to what goes You and I are part of a wicked nation..much tho. we love

II. I haven't touched N.T. at all..But one instance..must

(a). for I bel. most imp. of all. Last Book of N.T.. First chap. shows us overwhelming viskion/ of Christ standing clothed in High Priestly garments..in midst of His churches...GLORIFIED until John scarcely knew Him.. fell at His feet as one dead. Now look at His eyes: Rev. 1:14 "HIS EYES were as a flame of fire."..as looked around on His seven churches..See again Rev. 2:18 "The Son of God, who hath his EYES like unto a flame of fire." LOOKING AT THE CHURCHES OF ASIA! And churches of CANADA! In this City! Upon all of us Christians..His people. The burning, piercing, flaming EYES OF GOD!

(b). What does He SEE? "Well, thank God I belong to an evangelical church..Not like Sardis, the dead liberal church..Pergamos with its divided congreg..Or Thyatira that had false doctrine in it. Our creed really Biblical Nor a feeble church like Philadelphia. We are strong! And thank God not like Smyrna the suffering church. We are strong and safe..Hallelujah!".....Is this way feel? ..Wait a bit. You left out two of them.....and maybe... maybe..God sees us like them.

(c). I feel first church named..and the last one..most applicable to churches of Canada, 1975. "That last one.. Laodicea?" Yes. "The lukewarm church?" Yes. "Evangelical churches of today?" YES. Two things united to make church at Laodicea nauseating to God..Rev. 3:17 "Thou sayest, I am rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Two things..Increased and Ignorant. Translated into our day..MATERIALISTIC AND LETHARGIC. Combined to produce SELF-SATISFACTION. May God break it up! By letting the gold of faith be tried by fire..refining fire..By making us face up to right living instead of shameful self-life..By touching our eyes with eye-salve to give us vision of what God is looking for in His church....GOD DISTURB THE LAODICTEAN OUT OF US

(d). Well and good..So per. say: "Well, wouldn't mind if our church like church at Ephesus" You couldn't?

"No, that was orthodox church..doctrinally correct"..Per, you haven't read lately what God said about that church. Per. forgotten this was one of the five to whom He cried "REPENT!" (Only despised Smyrna and weak Philadelphia exempt from that command). REPENT, EPHEBUS! REPENT, CANADIAN CHURCH LIKE EPHE Why? Listen carefully..."Because thou hast LEFT thy first love." And because of that God said..to that church ONLY "Repent..or else.....I will remove thy candlestick out of its place." Today Ephesus stands a stark ruin..Church gone. It must be that she failed to repent. Will Can. churches stand in ruin soon? Yours? Mine? We often read Rev. 2:4 wrongly..."Thou hast LOST thy first love." No. "LEFT". Illus:- I say "John Smith has lost his wife"..Only sympathy. "John Smith has LEFT his wife"..Only contempt for man who failed his marital duty..no matter what provocation he had.....How does a church..or individual "LEAVE the first love? BY TURNING AWAY TO ANOTHER LOVE. Serious! What is it? Have I done it? What is the other so-called love..the paramour..the harlot? You answer that.... I fear that today it is often INTELLECTUALISM..Not intellect.. but TRUST IN THE INTELLECTUAL, instead of the might of the Holy Ghost. I fear that in pulpits..and in pews ^{S.S. Let's} hear again cry of proph. Zech..Zech. 4:6.."Not by might, nor by power, but BY MY SPIRIT saith the Lord."

Conclus:- 1. REPENT, CANADA! Repent Christian! (Calgary). THE EYES OF GOD ARE UPON US..AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT! (X) Time to get on our faces before God..before our Lord Jesus.. before His Holy Spirit...let Him purge out materialistic spirit..rouse from lethargy...bring us back to trust in nothing but Our Lord Jesus..power of His Spirit..fill us all afresh (P) 2. How good to get right before our SEEING GOD..know that when He looks into depths of soul..sees there righteousness.. holiness...a clean vessel..Then this true..Ps. 34:15 "THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN TO THEIR CRY." Want it? It is waiting for us..... here....as we seek Him with all our hearts. Repent. Call sin, sin. Ask the Holy One to cleanse..free..fill with Himself. THE EYES OF GOD ARE ON THIS PLACE. (NOW) PRAY

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(X) Song of Sol..Bride who had been sep. from bridegroom. Daughters of Jerus..asked.."What is thy beloved more than another beloved?" She told them..described...What is our beloved like? Better? Or left for another?

(X) "The things that David had done displeased the Lord". Welankewin Calgary Bch. May 5/77
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