

# LOOKING UNTO JESUS - SERMON 1



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Hebrews 12 :2.

### Introduction:

What we look at determines what we always see. There are too many distractions in this life. We must then be careful as Christians not to be distracted by the distractions of life but keep our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Our vision must be clear and our focus sharp - **Prov.29: 18; 4: 25; Matt.6: 22; Heb.12: 1-2.**

### Life Application:

#### 1. Looking and Seeing Jesus in Nature:

Just like every artwork bears the signature of the artist, if we look well enough, we will see God's hands and hear His voice in the works of nature because he created them all e.g Moses in the Burning Bush - **Exod.3: 1-10; Job 12: 7-10; 37; 14-16; Ps.8: 1-4; 19: 1; 33: 5; 95: 4-5; 104: 24-25; Jn.1: 3; Rom.1: 20.**

#### 2. Looking and Seeing Jesus in His Word:

Perhaps nothing else reveals the true nature to us more than His word as it God's testimony about Himself and we know that God cannot lie - **Deut.29: 29; Matt.4: 4; Jn.1: 1-2 & 14; 5: 39; Matt.13: 10-11; Jn.6: 63; Heb.1: 1-2.**

The Word of God as both light and mirror also helps our vision of Him - **Ps.119: 105; 2Cor.3: 18; Jam.1: 22-25.**

The more knowledge of the Word of God we have, the more of God we shall know - Great men of God are always great men of the Scripture - **Matt.4: 4; Col.3: 16; Rom.10: 17; 2Tim.2: 15; 3: 14-17. 2**

### **3. Looking and Seeing Jesus in Prayer:**

The Bible teaches clearly that no man has ever seen God physically - **Jn.6: 46; 1Tim.1: 17; 6: 15-16; 1Jn 4: 12.**

Prayer is a major link that connects us as believers to God. Every time we close our eyes in prayer, it is so we can see God not with our physical eyes but much more with our spiritual inner eyes. So, the more we pray, the more we shall see and experience God - **Isa.6: 1; 1Kg.22: 19-25; 2Chron.18: 18-24; Acts 7: 54-56.**

However, such prayer must be genuine, sincere, fervent and proceed from pure hearts - **Ps.24: 3-6; Jer.29: 13; Matt.5: 8; Jam.5: 16.**

### **4. Looking and Seeing Jesus by The Gifts of The Holy Ghost:**

If prayer connects us to God then, the gifts of the Holy Ghost strengthens and amplifies our vision of God in prayer. In that sense, a Christian who manifests that gifts of Holy Ghost sees more than the average Christian in prayer. Again, the more of these gifts we have, the clearer our vision of God will be. These gifts of the Holy Ghost are listed for us in **1Cor.12: 1-12.**

We should all therefore desire more manifestation of these gifts of the Holy Ghost in our lives.

### **5. Looking Unto Jesus in the Situations and Circumstances of Life:**

God also reveals Himself through our situations and circumstances. The truth is for a child of God, nothing happens to us by accident or coincidence - they are all planned and orchestrated by God. Nothing is beyond God also. So, if we look well enough, we shall see God in our situations and circumstances e.g. Joseph and Job - **Ps.139: 7-15; Rom.8: 28; Phil.1: 21; 1Thess.5: 18; Jam.1: 2-4.**

If we see God in the circumstances and situations of our life, we will not always insist on having our ways but we shall surrender to His will - **Matt.26: 42**