



Through The Eyes of God Teaching Notes



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Introduction:

- I have always thought that who I was and the total of my worth was based on what I accomplished.
- Give recent examples – overworking – not able to slow down when He tells me to.
- God has really been speaking to me personally about where my true worth comes from
- Not from what I do – but from what He did for me through the cross

Where does your worth come from?

If I were to ask - “Who are you” what criteria would you use to describe yourself?

Pretend it were a private question and no one would know the answer you gave but you, so you could be honest...

- Would you rattle off your occupation?
- Whether you are married or single?
- How many children you have
- The struggles and problems that you've endured or are still enduring?
- Your past mistakes that you've made
- By what other's have said about you?

But Who are you really?

Psalm 8:3-8 NLT

3 When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—

4 what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?

5 **Yet you made them only a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

6 You gave them charge of everything you made,
putting all things under their authority—

7 the flocks and the herds
and all the wild animals,

8 the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,
and everything that swims the ocean currents.

- Many times we hear this read “You made them a little bit lower than the angels. But, that is a gross misinterpretation of the scripture!
- The Hebrew word used there is Elohim – A word used very often in the Old Testament for God
- That is why Satan does not like you!
- You weren't made a little lower than him – a fallen angel – you were made a little lower than God Himself.
- You are made in the image of God Himself – no other being can claim such a thing!

Genesis 1: 26 AMP

God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, **and over all of the earth**, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.

- When Satan came to Eve, he came as something that creeps upon the earth.
- She had dominion over him
- Adam had dominion over him
- And yet he deceived Eve into giving up that dominion by believing what he said over what God said.
- **Watch this conversation play out...**

Genesis 3:1-6 NLT

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from **any** of the trees in the garden?”

- He's questioning her – testing her knowledge of what God said and her convictions about it as being truth

Verse 2 &3

“Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it **or even touch it**; if you do, you will die.’”

- Instantly we see two things:
 - Eve is trying to stand her ground with Satan and repeat what God really said
 - But, she doesn't even know what God said – She's miss-quoting God!
 - Genesis 2:17 AMP - But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and blessing and calamity you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

Verses 4-5

“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”

- What happened here: Satan lies and confuses Eve about who she really is!
- He tells her that she will be *like* God – She's deceived into thinking that the only way for her to be *like* God is to eat this apple
- But she is already made in the image of God and only, as the scripture reveals, a little lower than God. (Don't think it blasphemy – if you don't like it talk to God about it, not me)

Verse 6 states: The woman was convinced.

- 1 Timothy says that she was deceived!

Lies that Satan tells us today about who we are:

- He gets us to buy into the lie that our worth is based on what we do. (Dr. Phil example – well meaning but misguided statement)
 - So, since our world says that our worth is based on what we do, we often determine our worth by:
 - Our education or job title
 - Our finances or debt
 - Are we a good wife/husband
 - How our children behave
 - What parents or family members have said about us
 - What old teachers have said
 - What other Christians have said
 - The way that others treat us

- Our mistakes
 - We judge our future by our past – God has plans for you – to give you a future and a hope.

But, how does God see you?

- We have to make a choice to see ourselves as God sees us.
- We read earlier that we are made in the image of God
- Like God, we are triune beings:
 - You are a spirit
 - you have a soul (mind, will, and emotions)
 - you live in a body
 - God does not see you as your body:
 - Your physical appearance
 - Your physical desires
 - Your physical limitations
 - Is your soul important to God? (mind will and emotions)
 - Proverbs 23:7 – For as he thinketh in his heart so is he
 - Proverbs 4:23 AMP - Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.
- But, you are a spirit – you have a soul – you live in a body
 - God's main priority is your spirit.
 - So, what is the true condition of your spirit?
 - If you are a born again believer, it is recreated!
 - Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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