

Sermon - Sunday, August 16, 2020 by Ordained Minister Reverend Samuel O. Simon (2)

Text: 1 Peter 3: 12

KJV - "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Title: "The LORD is looking at us!"

Too often we imagine peace as merely an absence of conflict, and we think of peacemaking as a passive role. We sometimes forget what The **Word of God** says about peacemakers.

Matthew 5: 9 says, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

Now the question arises then, where are the peacemakers?

I am glad that you asked; the peacemakers are the ones who show love and compassion for his fellow brethren even when they have been scorned and humiliated. However, too often these believers are afraid to take a stance and be counted as a child of **God**. It takes a humble person who can and is willing to surrender themselves completely to The Will of **God**.

The peacemakers are here on this earth. They are Pastors, Preachers (believers' witnesses) proclaiming **God's** Word, saying to the people of **God** to **repent for The kingdom of God is at hand**. They preach the uncompromising Gospel of **Jesus Christ**, and they demonstrate the love, compassion and humbleness of a child of **God**; only if we would *hear* The **Word of God** from them and receive it in our hearts.

Then and only then will we be awakened out of our sleep by The LORD God of Hosts, and stand up for those who are being oppressed and killed in these very times of uneasiness.

The world and its inhabitants are under the judgment of The **LORD**, because of our disobedient and our lying tongues. Innocent people are being killed in the streets of this world every day, and their shed blood has been crying out unto The **LORD God of Hosts**, saying how long, **LORD**, shall our death go unpunished.

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Three Pointers:

- **The Eyes of The LORD is upon the righteous.**
- **The LORD Ears are open to their prayers.**
- **The LORD Face is against the evil doers.**

Pointer # 1:

- **The Eyes of the LORD is upon the righteous.**

This should be a comfort to the believers that The LORD God of Hosts is watching over them us as a loving Father should. Proverbs 15: 3 says, "The Eyes of The LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Now that you know that The Eyes of The LORD is everywhere; stop saying that The LORD does not see what you are doing.

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Pointer # 2:

- **The LORD Ears are open to their prayers.**

Not only does The LORD God of Hosts see us; HIS Ears are open unto our prayers and He answer our prayers. Luke 11: 9 says, "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you (NIV Scofield Study Bible)." What a wonderful and awesome and mighty God we serve as believers. HIS Word tells us that HE is our provider and sustainer.

Psalms 101: 6 says, "Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me (KJV)."

The LORD God answers our prayers so that nothing hinders us.

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Pointer # 3:

- **The LORD Face is against the evil doers.**

Now do understand that The LORD God of Hosts hates evil. Proverbs 6: 16-19 says, "These six *things* doth The LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, **18** An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, **19** A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren (KJV)." Now these very things are happening in the world today with no regard to The Word of God; and people are thinking that this is acceptable and right. The Word tells us not to "Be deceived that God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6: 7 KJV).

So, my brothers and sisters stop; and listen to what The LORD God of Hosts is saying to us. Take heed, lest you fall to evil, and succumb unto it. My brothers and sisters do what is right and be seen as a child of God. Proverbs 13: 5 says, "A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame (KJV)."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3: 16)

Jesus Christ was conceived by The **Holy Ghost** to a virgin woman named Mary. Born in Bethlehem in a lowly stable because there was no room for him in the Inn.

Jesus Christ was raised in a city called Nazareth of Galilee as a carpenter's Son. Begin His ministry at the age of thirty years old, preaching, repent, for **The Kingdom of God** is at hand.

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Jesus Christ turned water into wine; healed the sick; made the lame to walk; walked on water; and raised the dead. **He** was betrayed by one of his disciples and led to the judgment hall, where **He** was beaten and sentence to be crucified.

Jesus Christ was led to a hill called Calvary, where they nailed to a Cross by **His** hands and feet. (Now every time I hear the word Calvary, it causes me to tremble.)

Jesus Christ took my sin and bore it on his shoulders so, that I might have rest in **Him** and forgiveness of my sin of unbelief.)

Jesus died, I tell you, he died. **He** was taken down off the cross and laid in a burrowed tomb. Taking away all condemnation; so, that, whosoever shall believe in and on **Him** shall not be condemned.

Now early, early, on the third day morning; **GOD The FATHER** raised **His** Son **Jesus Christ** up from the dead, and gave unto **Him** all power in heaven and in earth.

And unto *all* who believe in **Jesus Christ**, **GOD The FATHER** gives us eternal life, never to roam no more, but to be with **Jesus Christ** for all eternity.

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Why should I feel discouraged; Why should the shadows come, why should my heart feel lonely and long for heaven and home. When **Jesus** is my portion, a constant friend is **He**. His eye is on the sparrow and I know **He** watches me.

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Prayer:

Father God never let your servants forget that Your Eye is all ways upon your faithful servants, and that it is you ***Father God, Who*** is our provider and sustainer, and that we should all ways depend on you. Lead us in everlasting ways that bring glory and honor unto your **Holy and Righteous** name. This I pray in The Name that is above every name, **The Name Jesus Christ Your Son**. Amen.