

What God Saw

Psalm 33:13-22

Introduction

- Anthropomorphisms → when God, who is Spirit, (Jn. 4:24; Lk. 24:39), reveals Himself as having human form or characteristics.
 - To help us to grasp the eternal, all-powerful and infinite.
 - (Ex. 7:5; Num. 6:24; Ps. 33:6; 34:15; 89:10; Isa. 59:1-2; etc.)
- God sees everything. (Heb. 4:13)
 - We should live with constant awareness of that. (Ps. 139:1-7)
 - Reason for his children to rejoice.
 - Reason for sinners to fear and repent.
- Lesson: A look at three things God saw that should provoke our wonder and worship; as well as help us to see the need to seek and turn to Him.

Discussion

- I. God Saw That The Creation Was Very Good. (Gen. 1:31)
 - His power and wisdom is seen in the Creation. (Ps. 104:24; 8:3,9; Isa. 40:26)
 - We are the recipients of the good things God created.
 - A serious consideration of these things:
 - Increase our faith. (Acts 14:17; Rom. 1:18-20)
 - Increase our appreciation for God's provisions for us. (Matt. 5:45; Ps. 107:33-42; 73)
 - Increase our faith in something far better. (II Pet. 3:13)
- II. God Saw That Man's Wickedness Was Great. (Gen. 6:5)
 - The progression of sin. (Gen. 3, 4:1-10, 16, 19; 23; 6:1-7)
 - Sin corrupts all that is good and innocent and pure.
 - Those who began to call on the name of the Lord (4:26) are led into sin by the daughters of men.
 - They "saw" the daughters of men that they were fair.
 - Our morals are affected by those upon whom we set our eyes for relationships in this life. (I Cor. 15:33; I John 2:15-17; Gal. 6:7-8)
 - The prevalence and punishment of sin. (Gen. 6:5-8)
 - Sin defiles the heart and life. (Eph. 4:17-19)
 - God's view of sin. (Gen. 6:6)
 - God's righteous judgment against sin. (Gen. 6:7; Rom. 2:2-3)
 - The necessity to deal with sin in our own lives. (Rom. 3:23; Acts 2:38; 8:21)
 - God's grace provides salvation. (Gen. 6:8)
 - God sees our hearts. (Heb. 4:12-13; II Cor. 5:10)
- III. God Saw Their Works...That They Turned From Their Evil Way (Jonah. 3:10)
 - The faith of the Ninevites prompted their repentance. (Jonah. 3:4-9; Lk. 11:32)
 - Their faith in action is seen by God. (3:7-8; II Cor. 7:11)
 - Fasting and prayer: pleas to God
 - Sackcloth and ashes: mourning, grief, humiliation
 - Turned from their evil ways: ceased
 - No sin is too bad for God to forgive. (I Tim. 1:13-16)
 - What reaction to His warnings of judgment does God see in us? (Rom. 6:23; Matt. 25:46)
 - Hard heart? (Heb. 3:12)
 - Delay? (Acts 24:25)
 - Defensive excuses? (Hab. 2:20)
 - Urgent obedience? (Acts 2:40-41; 22:16; Heb. 3:13)