

# The God Who Sees You

## **Text: Genesis 16:1-16 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. <sup>2</sup> So Sarai said to Abram, "The Lord has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her." And Abram agreed with Sarai's proposal.

<sup>3</sup> So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian servant and gave her to Abram as a wife. (This happened ten years after Abram had settled in the land of Canaan.)

<sup>4</sup> So Abram had sexual relations with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when Hagar knew she was pregnant, she began to treat her mistress, Sarai, with contempt. <sup>5</sup> Then Sarai said to Abram, "This is all your fault! I put my servant into your arms, but now that she's pregnant she treats me with contempt. The Lord will show who's wrong—you or me!"

<sup>6</sup> Abram replied, "Look, she is your servant, so deal with her as you see fit." Then Sarai treated Hagar so harshly that she finally ran away.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord found Hagar beside a spring of water in the wilderness, along the road to Shur. <sup>8</sup> The angel said to her, "Hagar, Sarai's servant, where have you come from, and where are you going?"

"I'm running away from my mistress, Sarai," she replied.

<sup>9</sup> The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority."

<sup>10</sup> Then he added, "I will give you more descendants than you can count."

<sup>11</sup> And the angel also said, "You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son. You are to name him Ishmael (which means 'God hears'), for the Lord has heard your cry of distress. <sup>12</sup> This son of yours will be a wild man, as untamed as a wild donkey! He will raise his fist against everyone, and everyone will be against him. Yes, he will live in open hostility against all his relatives."

<sup>13</sup> Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the Lord, who had spoken to her. She said, "You are the God who sees me." She also said, "Have I truly seen the One who sees me?"

<sup>14</sup> So that well was named Beer-lahai-roi (which means "well of the Living One who sees me"). It can still be found between Kadesh and Bered.

<sup>15</sup> So Hagar gave Abram a son, and Abram named him Ishmael. <sup>16</sup> Abram was eighty-six years old when Ishmael was born.

## **When God Sees You His Knowledge of You Is:**

- 1.** Personal
- 2.** Perfect
- 3.** Purposeful
- 4.** Preferred

## **Point #1: God Sees You Personally**

- John 4:7-9 (NLT)
- John 9:1-3 (AMP)

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## **John 4:7-9 (NLT)**

<sup>7</sup> Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. <sup>9</sup> The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?”

## **John 9:1-3 (AMP)**

<sup>1</sup> AS HE passed along, He noticed a man blind from his birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked Him, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind? <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, It was not that this man or his parents sinned, but he was born blind in order that the workings of God should be manifested (displayed and illustrated) in him.

## **Point #2: God Sees You Perfectly**

- Psalms 139:1-4 (NAS)
- Jeremiah 23:24 (ERV)

## **Psalms 139:1-4 (NAS)**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. <sup>3</sup> You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O Lord, You know it all.

## **Jeremiah 23:24 (ERV)**

<sup>24</sup> Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

## **Point #3: God Sees You Purposefully**

- II Timothy 1:8-9 (NIV)
- I Thessalonians 4:7 (NAS)
- Romans 8:26-28 (NAS)

## **II Timothy 1:8-9 (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. <sup>9</sup> He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

## **I Thessalonians 4:7 (NAS)**

For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.

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## **Romans 8:26-28 (NAS)**

<sup>26</sup> In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; <sup>27</sup> and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

## **Point #4: Good Sees You Preferentially**

➤ John 15:16 (AMP)

➤ I Peter 2:9 (NIV)

## **John 15:16 (AMP)**

You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed *and* placed *and* purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit *and* keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain *and* be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you.

## **I Peter 2:9 (NIV)**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

## **INVITATION**

### **1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17**

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

### **2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

### **3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3**

I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

### **4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33**

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

### **5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16**

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.