

## **“A Better View”**

By William Sutton, May 2013

*“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”*

(1 Peter 3:12 – 14a) (NRSV)

We have moved from: Desert Plains; to mountain tops; to airplanes; to space crafts and satellites for the big picture and even microscopes for the extremely small things of life, all to gain a better view around us and to see things more clearly – a better perspective if you will. We have come to rely on the latest technology and it seems to be changing the way we view life and ourselves, but we can never surpass God.

No matter how advanced we claim to be, we will never know more than God or see more than God.

Only God can see in the future and know the outcome – good or bad – success or failure. Only God can see in our hearts and know our motives.

So better to trust in God and do what is right in his sight than to trust in man’s limited sight.

*“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.*

*Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, be steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kind of suffering. (1 Peter 5: 6 & 7) (NRSV)*

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, viewing the world from a thousand feet above it in a hot air balloon gives me an unusual perspective. I can see a canoe that will hit rapids around the bend in the stream. I see cars coming toward one another along a country lane, but because of a hill, the drivers cannot see each other. My eyes are no sharper than theirs, but I can see objects hidden from them because I have a different vantage point.

Father, I know You have a better viewpoint. You can see into our hearts and into our future. You can see what is coming and prepare us for it. May we continue to listen for Your call, obey Your warnings as You continue to watch over us. **Amen**

**SO ASK YOURSELF - WHAT IS MY PERSPECTIVE ?**

## Comments

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Wonderful lesson, the prayer really gives great insight into how God sees us.

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I look forward to one day joining the Lord, standing near the throne and seeing with such clarity...I can only imagine how beautiful the view is.