

See God - continued

mannerisms, etc.), we see God when we see his children who are one like him (John 17:21), who are light like him (Ephesians 5:8), and who love like him (1 John 4:7).

Friend, do you see God in nature, in the Bible, in Jesus Christ, in his blessings, and in his children. We see God in all these things through the eye of faith just like Moses did. The author of Hebrews again wrote: *“By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.”* (Hebrews 11:27). By the eye of faith we see God too in all the ways he clearly (with evidence) manifests himself to us today.

One day, if we are faithful and obedient to God, we will see him face to face. John wrote: *“Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is”* (1 John 3:2). And again John wrote: *“and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads”* (Revelation 22:3-4).

When Jesus comes again, you will see God if you are one of his faithful children! - Chris Reeves

Sentence Sermons

- Genuine faith is assuring, insuring, and enduring.
- The person who believes he will live forever in the future, lives best now.
- Criticizing another's garden doesn't keep the weeds out of your own.
- Praise of self is good if comes from another's mouth.
- Even quick thinkers need to be “slow to speak”

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Have You Seen God?

The Russian astronaut, Yuri Gagarin, was the first man in space on April 12, 1961. He is often quoted as saying that he did not see God when he was in space. The atheist does not believe in God because he cannot see God. In contrast, John Glenn said, “To look out at this kind of creation out here and not believe in God is to me impossible, ... It just strengthens my faith. I wish there were words to describe what it's like.”

Jesus said that one cannot see God (John 5:37). God, being pure spirit, is the “invisible God” (Colossians. 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16). John says that no man has seen God (1 John 4:12,20). So, how do we know that God exists if we cannot see him? Is he a product of our imagination like other mythical characters that do not exist? Can we “see” him or not?

In Old Testament times, God manifested himself in different ways. He manifested himself to Hagar in the form of an angel (Genesis 16:9-13), he manifested himself to Jacob in the form of a man (Genesis 32:24,30), he manifested himself to Moses in a limited, but glorious form (Exodus 19:9; 24:9-11; 33:17-23; 34:5; Number 12:8), and he manifested himself to Isaiah in the

form of a vision (Isaiah 6:1). God manifests himself in different ways so that we can see him in many places, though not directly. Consider five places that we can all “see” God.

We See God in Nature. The psalmist wrote: “*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language; their voice is not heard*” (Psalm 19:1-3). We see God when we see the goodness, design, and power in his natural creation.

We See God in the Bible. Again, the psalmist wrote: “*Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law*” (Psalm 119:18). We see God when we see God’s character, God’s law, and God’s will expressed in his word, the Bible.

We See God in Jesus Christ. John wrote: “*No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him*” (John 1:18). We see God when we see Jesus’ example and teaching.

We See God in His Blessings. Paul said, “*that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is*

not far from each one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring” (Acts 17:27-28). James wrote: “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning*” (James 1:17). The author of Hebrews wrote: “*Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?*” (Hebrews 13:5-6). We see God in his providential blessings of food (Matthew 6:11,23-33), personal care (Matthew 10:30), escape (1 Corinthians 10:13), care for troubles (Philippians 4:4-6), opened doors (Colossians 4:2-3), care for sickness (James 5:13-18), answered prayer (1 Peter 3:12), etc.

We See God in His Children. Peter wrote: “*whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by lust*” (2 Peter 1:4). Just like you can see a father in a child (looks,