

Things Above

The apostle Paul wrote: "Seek the things that are above ... Set your mind on the things that are above..." (Colossians 3:1-2). What does it mean to seek the things that are above?

To seek the things that are above means that we, as Christians, seek our father's will in heaven (Matthew 6:10). It means that we seek our spiritual blessings from heaven (Ephesians 1:3). It means that we seek our Lord's return from heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:16). It means that we seek our spiritual body in heaven (1 Corinthians 15:48-49; 2 Corinthians 5:1-4). It means that we seek our eternal home in heaven (Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 11:16). It means that we seek our glorious praise from God in heaven (Revelation 19:1; 22:5). It means that we seek our new heaven and new earth (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1).

Why seek things that are above? Because earthly things are not consistent with our new life in Christ (Colossians 3:1-4). Earthly things bring no real satisfaction (Ecclesiasts 5:10). Earthly things are uncertain (James 4:13-16; 1 Timothy 6:17-19). Earthly things are destined to pass away (1 John 2:15-17). So, let's seek the things that are above! - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- God speaks to all who will take the time to listen to his word.
- Some people give the Lord a tenth ... of what they ought to give.
- It's not your position in life that makes you happy, but your disposition.
- Sometimes silence is yellow instead of golden.
- Love the Lord with all your heart.

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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 -

Psalm 139: God's Search Warrant

How Big Is Your God?

We are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). But, many have made God into their own image. They have turned God into someone that they want him to be (Psalm 50:21; Acts 17:23). What is your concept of God? What is your view or understanding of God? Your concept of God will determine how you live each day.

Do you know that God is much bigger than you might imagine? He knows all, he sees all, and he does all that he wants to. Psalm 139 in the Old Testament is a psalm about the all-powerful God that we have. Take some time to read it and be impressed with its words. You will be reminded just how big God really is.

Psalm 139

In verses 1-6, we learn that God is all-knowing (omniscient). He knows our location, our thoughts, our activities, and our words. He knows all things (1 Samuel 2:3; Romans 11:33-36).

In verses 7-12, we learn that God is all-present (omnipresent). He is up in heaven, he is here on earth, he is in the

light, and he is in the darkness. He can be anywhere he wants to be (Acts 17:28; Hebrews 4:12-14).

In verses 13-18, we learn that God is all-powerful (omnipotent). He can form the baby as it grows its mother's womb and he can ordain the days of each one living. He can do what he wants (Ephesians 3:20).

In verses 19-22, we learn that God is all-holy. He will slay the wicked. He is holy and righteous and separate from all wickedness (Revelation 4:8).

God's Search Warrant

God is like a law enforcement officer who has a search warrant to come into our lives. What can we learn from these four "all" qualities of God?

First, since God is all-knowing (omniscient), we cannot mislead him (Acts 5:4). We simply need to be honest with God at all times.

Second, since God is all-present (omnipresent), we cannot escape him (Genesis 3:8). We simply need to fulfill our responsibility toward him and not try to run from him.

Third, since God is all-powerful (omnipotent), we cannot oppose him (Exodus 5:2; 7:1 – 12:51). We simply need to submit to his will in all things.

Fourth, since God is all-holy, we cannot live wicked lives and think that we will escape him (Jude 14-15). We simply need to live godly lives each day.

What Is Your Response?

Knowing that God is all-knowing, all-present, all-powerful, and all-holy, how do you respond? Do you respond like the psalmist with "wonder" (verse 6, 14)? Do you respond with "thanks" (verse 14)? Do you respond with "precious" thoughts about God (verse 17)? Do you have "perfect hatred" toward sin (verse 21-22)? Do you ask of God, "search me" and "lead me" (verse 23-24)?

David knew that God was all-knowing so he told his son: *"And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for Jehovah searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever"* (1 Chronicles 28:9) - Chris Reeves