



Lesson #13: El Roi

Before security cameras and satellites were “watching” us people have always been watched. As we open to Genesis 16 we discover a truth that is incontrovertible; That truth is this – God _____ you and God _____ me. Hagar calls God by an unusual name in Genesis 16:13. “*El Roi*” which is being translated “*Thou God _____ me.*” In verse 14 she calls the name of the place “*Beerlahairoi*” which means “*the well of the God who _____ me.*” The sad reality of life, however, is that people live like no one is watching. The name El Roi (The God who see!) should demonstrate clearly to us that we should be living every moment like God is _____, because every moment God is indeed _____.

This morning we are going to take the truth of Hagar’s testimony (“*Thou God seest me*” Genesis 16:13) and turn it in 3 different directions of thought.

THERE IS _____ IN THE FACT THAT GOD SEES YOU

The certainty of the fact that God sees us ought to overwhelm us.

- A. The fact that God sees you is _____ to our idea of God**
The idea of a deity that cannot see would be almost unimaginable. God has placed within us innately the belief in an all-seeing God. The Greeks called God “*Theos.*” This word comes from a root word that means, “*The one who _____.*” Because God has placed within us innately the belief in an all-seeing God, when men and women think of God they do not think of a blink God. The very concept of deity revolves around His ability to see His creation (2 Chronicles 16:9; Job 34:21; Psalm 11:4; Proverbs 5:21). Over and over again in the pages of Scripture the Bible confirms to us that God sees us.
- B. The fact that God sees you is central to the _____ of God**
God sees everything! He knows the very thoughts and the intents of our heart. 1 Corinthians 4:5 tells us, “*Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the _____ things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the _____.*” God sees everything because He is _____; because He is _____; and because He _____ all things.

THERE IS _____ IN THE FACT THAT GOD SEES YOU

Who is the angel that appeared to Hagar in Genesis 16:13? This is _____ come in pre-incarnate form (A Christophany).

- A. God sees you when you face _____ (Genesis 16:6)**
Psalm 139 is often called the “_____ -Psalm” for in it we read of God’s omniscience and omnipresence. In verses 7-10 of that powerful Psalm the Psalmist records his confidence that *nothing* can separate Him from God.
- B. God sees you when you are _____ (Genesis 16:7)**
Hagar flees to the borders of Egypt to a place identified in verse 7 as “Shur.” The name “Shur” means “_____.” We can honestly say now that Hagar has hit a wall. In verse 6 it tells us that Sarai treated her very callously and as she does so Abram turns a blind eye. But God’s eye was not blinded. God saw!
- C. God sees you when you are _____ (Genesis 16:7-8)**
God asks Hagar a question to help stir her conscience. “*Whence comest thou? And whither wilt thou go?*” Notice her response at the end of the verse. Hagar can tell _____ she came from but she can’t tell where she is _____.

THERE IS _____ IN THE FACT THAT GOD SEES YOU

The God we serve is an omniscient God. He sees all things all the time. Since that is true, what does that mean for us?

- A. God’s knowledge of you is _____**
Hagar was amazed! “*Thou God seest ME!?*” Hagar is the _____ woman in the Bible who will have a direct encounter with God. In so doing she demonstrated that El Roi was for everyone!
- B. God’s knowledge of you is _____**
Genesis 16 is a passage that has impact on all of humanity. Back on the path to Egypt God turns this Egyptian servant around and as he turns her around he turns this _____ of the _____ on his hand.
- C. God’s knowledge of you is _____**
Under no obligation to Hagar the Lord gives her an incredible _____ (Genesis 16:10). Why? Why this gentile spirit on behalf of God? Romans 2:4 gives us the answer, “*The goodness (or _____) of God leadeth thee to repentance.*”
- D. God’s knowledge of you is _____**
God has a window into our very hearts! He knows! Spurgeon said, “Your sin is not a _____. The eye of God has seen it, and you have sinned before the Almighty’s face. You have shut the door, drawn the curtains, and kept out the sun – and the peering eyes of others – but God’s eye pierces through the darkness. The proverbial wall you surround yourself with is as transparent as _____ to the eye of the Almighty.”