

Having the Right View

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"Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things . . ." (Isaiah 40:26)

We are so busy looking at the created things that we have not comprehend Him who created it all. Isaiah asks you to look away from the created things and look up. Most people's problem is that they are acting as if you are "down." They are only feeling down but they are up, so look up. He is commanding us to "lift up your eyes on high."

So many have made the creation greater than the Creator, but do you not know that your creator (Maker) is your husband (Isa. 54:5). Their vision is incorrect but they don't need a healing; they need an adjustment. They don't need their vision improved but they need to change the direction they look. Your eyes are fine. All the problems you see on the earth are real but you are not of the earth. And you are not going to change the earth by looking at it and fixing it. If you do then you have not brought forth Christ, only changed some things. That which has been changed can change back, given the right circumstances.

The definition of being spiritually minded is not found in being able to bring your mind and thoughts under control. To truly be spiritually minded is to have a mind directed by the Spirit. That which is flesh is flesh and can't be changed into Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the One who guides you into "all truth". Only Christ is "all truth". The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus. God is not concerned with transforming your problems; He wants to transform you. That is His main work. When you turn your eyes to God then your thoughts will follow.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." (Isaiah 26:3)

In reality, for many of us, our minds only drift to the Lord as we look for help with the many problems we face ON THE EARTH. It is no wonder we have no peace. As long as we operate contrary to what the scriptures prescribe, we can expect failure. We must learn to develop, not just a habit of going to the Lord but a lifestyle of meditating on His Word and keeping the mind of Christ.

The carnal mind is an enemy of God. It is contrary to God's way. It seeks it's own and cares for only what matters to itself. The carnal mind will not be stayed on Jesus. It will automatically shift back to the problems and the reactions of the soul. The key is not found in getting the carnal mind to behave but in getting a renewed mind.

To have a renewed mind takes time. We must separate from carnal input and saturate with the Living Word of God. As we do, there will come a time where it will not be exterior to our way of thinking but we will have taken on the mind of Christ. The Bible says to "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." ***

