



## **IN YOUR OWN EYES.... OR .... IN HIS EYES?**

### **Introduction:**

Today much thought and attention is paid to those suffering from low self-esteem! How you SEE YOURSELF is vitally important in making decisions that can affect your whole life! Low self worth, self esteem, self image... words that we have become familiar with... are areas that Psychologists and Psychiatrists try to help!

There is a vast difference between having a balanced view of one's life and capabilities and an ability to cope... and being filled with PRIDE and having a self-inflated ego!

It is important for us to see what God sees, and wants us to see!

### **1. Children of Israel & 10 Spies... Numbers 13:33.**

When God gives a promise, He expects us to believe Him. In spite of His promises to the children of Israel, and the encouragement of Joshua and Caleb, the children of Israel believed the 'majority opinion' of the 10 spies, and NEVER ENTERED INTO the promised land!

IN OUR EYES AND IN THEIR EYES.... How you see yourself, becomes reflected through you and affects how others see you too. The human assessment of things, no matter how accurate, is replaced by the Supernatural intervention of God, WHEN we believe His Word and promises!

TEXT TODAY..... 1 Peter 5:5-6 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble!'

### **2. Example of Jesus.... Phil. 2.**

Jesus humbled HIMSELF! So often we wait until there is a necessity for us to be humbled! 'Pride goes before a fall' and it is only then that we recognise our problem! The GRACE OF GOD was revealed even in His life, as we find that God HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, and gave Him a name above every other name!

### **3. God looks for GENUINE HUMILITY.**

An understanding of our own **UNIMPORTANCE** in ourselves, but with an ability to reach out to God in faith for HIS GRACE to abound toward us, causing us to become MIGHTY IN GOD! A need to always acknowledge that it is His grace alone, and keeping low at His feet.

### **(A) . KING SAUL 1 Sam. 15:17**

There was a time he was 'small' in his OWN EYES (1 Sam. 9:21) and this was when God appointed him. It was not his physical stature! (1 Sam 9:2) but when he was truly humble. Unfortunately success and position went to his head!

The key to his success was his anointing... 1 Sam. 10:6 Called when he was 30 years of age – 1 Sam 13:1 Hiding behind the baggage! – 1 Sam 10:22 He reigned for 42 years, but over the years his success and position filled him with pride, until God had to replace him!

OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS VITAL to reveal true humility!

### **2. Two men in the Temple to Pray.**

Notice how they saw themselves.... what the people must have seen, but the important thing was how Jesus saw them.

True humility... causes us to HEAR AND OBEY but when we become full of ourselves, somehow like King Saul we take matters into our own hands, and feel that it does not really matter – being obedient in the little things!

Jesus said to Peter in Matt 4:19 'Follow Me, and I WILL MAKE YOU to be fishers of men!' To follow, means to pattern ourselves on Jesus and His example. 1 Pet. 2:21-25.

There is a need to become totally dependent on Him and not on ourselves.

Rom. 12:3 'For by the GRACE GIVEN ME I say to everyone of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourselves with sober judgement, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you!' The way you THINK is the way you SEE YOURSELF

### **3. MOSES – The most humble man who ever lived!**

#### **Numbers 12:3.**

In the beginning of his life there was possibly pride... having been brought up in the courts of Pharaoh, with the best that Egypt could offer! But 40 years in the wilderness dealt with that!

In Ex 2:23 we see how God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

Read Ex. 3:10. Gods call to Moses.

Now his reply... chap 3:11 – ‘But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’

In chap 4. God promises Supernatural signs and wonders... Note vs. 21

‘See that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the  
POWER to do!’

When you have been commissioned by the Lord, never get the idea that it is going to be easy! The call of God is often difficult, and Moses had a tremendous task, but the Lord was with him in it, and they shared a very precious personal relationship!

### **4. Gideon – Judges 6.**

Fearful because of the enemy, working under cover at night in a winepress to get food... and an angel appears and greets him ‘The Lord is with you – mighty warrior!’ God’s assessment is often far removed from our present experience! Rom. 4:17 ‘He calls the things that are not, as though they are!’ God just speaks them into being!!!

The key in Gideon’s life was the Spirit of the Lord. Judges 6:34 – ‘Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon and he blew a trumpet!’

It is time for us to understand the full meaning and implication of Zech. 4:6 ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by MY SPIRIT’ saith the Lord!

1 Cor. 1:18-31 God’s choice of instruments.... so that we will not glory, but give it to the One who deserves the glory!

### **Finally.... Take a hard long look at yourself!**

What do you see today? What are you relying on? What are you waiting for?

See what God sees in you, and that is why He chose you! John 15:16 – that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should REMAIN!

### **KEYS TO SUCCESS:**

1. HUMBLE YOURSELF... don’t wait to be humbled! Realise honestly that the best you can do is not good enough to achieve what needs to be done!
2. EXERCISE FAITH... don’t just talk about it, quote the Word, ask opinions of others... but be ACTIVE in fulfilling the promises of God.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS through Christ who strengthens you. His strength is made perfect in your weakness! There is a need to be daily FILLED with the Spirit... CHRIST means the anointed One and His anointing!