

Up close and personal

Looking at sinful self

Certainty of self

- Peter's jumps to conclusions

- **Our mind knows the mind of God**

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"For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, or *are* your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts..." Isaiah 55:8-9

"Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you..." *John 21:17*

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"But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand. And he told them, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God's right hand!" Then they put their hands over their ears and began shouting. They rushed at him and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul..." Acts 7: 55-58

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- Instead, it is when we are in the presence of God's holiness, we are most at risk of losing ourselves

"How will anyone know that you look favorably on me--on me and on your people--if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth." The Lord replied to Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name." Moses responded, "Then show me your glorious presence." The Lord replied, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will call out my name, Yahweh, before you. For I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose. But you may not look directly at my face, for no one may see me and live." Exodus 33: 16-20

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- Paul's prideful purpose
- Martha's willful ways

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"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7

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- Instead, what pleases Him is when we listen to what He has already told us - and serve Him by applying it to our lives

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." *John 14:21*

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"O people, the Lord has told you what is good,
and this is what he requires of you: to do what is
right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with
your God." *Micah 6:8*

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law. And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the
flesh with its passions and desires." *Galatians 5: 22-24*