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# ***The Eyes of God***

What color do you suppose they are—those elusive eyes of God? The traditional brown, blue, green, or hazel? Could they possibly have flecks of yellows and greens, or are they a spectacular and unusual shade of turquoise or violet? I surmise that the eyes of God are iridescent—a rainbow of colors displayed in ever-changing patterns.

Some people may have speculated about the color and nature of God's eyes. Some may never have even envisioned the Almighty having eyes or a body, even though a number of artists have tried their hand at delineating a facsimile of what He looks like. Many of them have portrayed the infamous image of an old man with white hair and a long white beard who carries a staff, sits on a bejeweled throne, and surrounds himself with angels playing harps. Further examination of the portrait shows those angels gazing at Him as He looks back with crinkled, smiling eyes and peacefully listens to the melodies they produce. Such a picture of God depicts Him as quite oblivious to the happenings of the world. It further perpetrates a potential view that this great and glorious God of ours probably even sports rose-colored glasses. They cannot imagine Him having anything to do with history or present-day events, and no doubt feel that God refuses to see the world other than in that way. Other artists have shown a man with long, white rather unkempt hair, flames dancing in His eyes, as he points His finger of judgment from between the clouds of heaven.

Through the Principle we can discover just how wrong such views are. God is not the happy and peaceful being many people conceive Him to be. He does not put on a pair of spectacles that automatically make the world appear rosy, revealing the idyllic Garden of Eden He purposed so long ago. He is *not* disengaged from either the happenings of history or the events of today. Nor can He shut His eyes to them.

He is constantly forced to look at everything occurring in this world. He is free to observe the majesty of His creation and surely there must be times when He gazes at the ever-changing yellow-orange and vermilion hues of foliage in late autumn; the spray of brilliant colors at the budding of daffodils, lilacs, jonquils, and tulips; the sparkle of a periwinkle-hued sea; or the glints of sunlight as they bounce off a turquoise ocean. There must be days when our God looks at towering minarets against the mauve sky as it welcomes dusk to the Moslem world, the stately pagodas along the backdrop of Asian heavens, a series of colorful Bedouin-style tents as they shadow so little of a vast stretch of mustard-hued desert, the delicately sculptured statues left in varied corners of Europe in the wake of the Renaissance, or the opulent palaces we call skyscrapers against the smog of a modern day industrial city.

God has the opportunity to look back in history and watch again the brutal conquest made by Russian soldiers, how dromedary camels and their masters rode the sands of Arabia during the Thousand Nights, the Incan civilization of Machu Pichu, the magnificence of the Byzantine empire, the construction of the pyramids, even the cave dwellers' discovery of the wheel. He has seen the past glories of Sodom and Gomorrah, the rise and fall of societies in this world. He saw Rome in its day. He has seen change in the hearts of mankind, and through His tears He has also observed the construction of the godless societies throughout history. He is the one who knows whether or not that lost continent of Atlantis really existed. And God is the one who can solve the mystery of the Bermuda triangle. He saw the iceberg before the crew of the *Titanic* did. He saw it all.

Those real and legendary historic tales conjure up truly vivid images in our minds. But there are those sights today which must disturb Him greatly: bloodstained shrouds which cover the bodies of those of His children who died in the skirmishes of war, and the black and blue tortured bodies of those of His children who are forced to live in concentration camps. God's eyes see the colors of mankind still separated because there are those of His children who continue to disbelieve that the people inside the five shades of human skin can co-exist in peace, and even blend together as one.

I envision God surrounded by myriads of television sets all tuned to various channels. He observes events happening throughout the world, and He cannot shut His eyes for a moment. The sights He beholds each day must tear His heart to shreds. I feel He must jump out of His throne many times a day, desperate to persuade His children not to commit such atrocities against one another. His eyes do not miss any of these scenes of life. But He is rendered powerless to do anything to turn off the sets. Nor can He climb inside those pictures and do anything to change what is happening.

Yes, God definitely has eyes. Many people thought God's eyes contained flames of hellfire, and felt that those eyes watched so cautiously, waiting for us to reveal our transgressions so that He could condemn and strike. Consequently, the people who viewed God in such a manner had no desire to face Him; they were afraid His eyes would cast judgment. But sadly, those people could not understand that His eyes are actually filled with kindness and at the same time, overflow with sorrow. Those people cannot realize that the pools of His eyes never drain of tears because as they scan the world daily, those reservoirs are constantly replenished. Not one tragedy—whether in the life of an individual or the life of the world—escapes Him. And His dream is that He will find those of His children who desire to make their home with Him. He wants to face His children and with His eyes communicate even a portion of the love He feels for them. He

dreams that we will come to find a harmony with Him, for it is then that we will be able to share His vision.

If you use your former viewpoint and the view taken by the rest of so-called "normal" society, then many things which Unificationists do and talk about today might seem absurd or outlandish. But the new world we are trying to build has nothing whatsoever to do with that old world. The old world is going down the drain; it cannot survive. It is disintegrating and has almost collapsed. Even with all its riches, this world is worth little in the eyes of God.

It is impossible to use the standard of the old world to judge the new world, especially because the new one has not yet totally emerged. God sees the values of this world as satanic, therefore how can we use the eyes or the standard of Satan to judge what we are doing and building today?

There is a heart within each of us capable of understanding God's viewpoint of the universe. But the vision of God which our hearts can perceive must also be transmitted to our minds. We must begin to comprehend things from God's perspective. To do this, we must first connect our hearts with His. When we do that, we will be able to adopt His point of view and then see the whole universe through the eyes of God.

If God speaks through our heart and in turn our heart governs our understanding and intellect, it becomes soaked with divinity and is infused with the viewpoint of God. That is the moment we begin to see with the eyes of God and feel with the heart of God.

A person in secular society looks at present history and through eyes of fear sees the suffering and development. To come closer to God we must all become more sensitive. We need to look at history and humanity from a much different perspective. We have to feel the heart of God for those suffering people throughout the world. We suffer much more about the situation than people who are more coarse in heart. If they cannot perceive such things, they just do not suffer in the same way. The beautiful poems, love songs or stories might make us weep a bit, but until we fine tune our heart, it will be more difficult to feel deep concern for humanity and the state of the world. To do that, it is necessary to draw close to our God.

The smallest and most touching event can take place inside the castle of your heart. It is when you raise the drawbridge and allow God entry, that

miracles start to happen. We must make sure that what we do to connect to God is done with sincerity and humility. As a Unificationist our action or *inaction* has great effect upon the whole of history. As we come closer to God and also see with His eyes, we are better able to understand the "how" and "why" of life and of history. Once we are able to see how God values a person and how significant that individual is to God, we can more easily perceive how God views the global situation.

The archangel could not see with the eyes of God. If he had experienced God's feelings, he never could have committed his crime. If Adam and Eve had been mature enough, they never would have inflicted such a personal injury upon God. But as a consequence, they left the Garden of Eden crying, filled with grief. God too was full of sorrow. He was heartbroken, for just as the archangel, His children failed to see through His eyes.

Until we acquire the viewpoint of God, absolute obedience is the most effective way to grow spiritually. Just as a child should be obedient to his parents, we should totally obey God. When you cling to your parents and your parents move forward, they will automatically pull you along with them. Eventually you will understand your parents' urging.

Such compliance is essential until the time we are able to see with the eyes of God. For it is then that we will stand upright and walk the path ourselves, not needing to be pushed or dragged by others. That is the time when we will perceive clearly the will of God and then commit ourselves to fulfilling it.

When we cease scrutinizing each other with human eyes, but look instead with the eyes of God, everything will appear different. That is when we will see that there is hope for every person to reach his potential as a child of God, and consequently his perfection.

One way to gain God's viewpoint is by asking and praying about the things which trouble us. When we stop a minute and pray, we internally quiet down. Decisions made in haste usually turn out wrong unless we have thoroughly investigated the situation beforehand. Therefore, if you are at a crossroads and need to make a decision, just stop. Pray to see the situation with God's eyes; beseech God to impart His wisdom to you.

The one decision that you can make at any time is to give your life to God. But if you have to make any other major decisions, I have found that the wisest thing is to make them in the morning. "Sleep on it!" It is possible to be infused with the spirit and wisdom of God even as you sleep. The whole world often looks different in the morning.

God sees things in such a different way than we do. When someone is described as being radiant and beautiful, it is God we see shining through the person. Too often we simply don't recognize who it is.

The closer we come to God, the more we are able to see with His eyes. We are elevated. We become deeper. Once we see through the eyes of God, we will notice that *everybody* is beautiful. We are presently so steeped in negativity. We live in the past—often concentrating on the evil and the misery that is a part of our history. We come to have a distorted standard of values. The world is so deranged and distant from God's standard that our eyes become filmy and clouded, unable to discern beauty, purity, divinity, or godliness.

When a person becomes intimate with God, he will look at you quite differently from the way you look at yourself or others, unless you yourself have established a closeness with God. As you advance nearer to God, you will look up to your brothers and sisters, able to discern how He manifests His nature through each one of them.

The time will come when we will see spiritually who we—as Unificationists—are. At that point, we will bow before each other. Anyone who even now possesses the gift of spiritual sight would fall down on his knees in front of any one of us, paying homage to the essence of God we harbor and reflect.

Use the eyes of God to comprehend things, but realize that to "borrow" them takes patience and effort on your part. If Lucifer had seen with the eyes of God, he would not have made his mistake. The mistakes we make every day may not be quite as weighty as his, but are still of certain consequence. We must strive to possess the ability to see with the eyes of God. Everything—the will of God, the plan of God, His creation, mankind, relationships, and interrelationships between human beings—should be seen through His eyes. That will assure us that everything is in its proper perspective. But if we opt for using our own eyes, everything is taken out of proportion and all things will naturally seem out of balance.

We can see through the eyes of God when we become His temples. That is the time when He is free to allow us the use of His eyes. The Principle explains that every person—regardless of social standing, financial status, or any other aspect of human viewpoint—is a son or daughter of God. Therefore, every person has value. When things are seen through the viewpoint of God, their value automatically increases. When we use Satan's

eyes, we will devalue everything. While hatred is the basis of that cognition, God's eyes see through the filmy covering of Satan's world by using the torch of divine love.

Father always respects even the most lowly person. Do *we* respect everyone—the street dweller, the beggar? Do we even respect each other? Each person is due a certain respect, but do we admit that *everybody* has great value? The divine spark within a human being is the original nature which God endowed. And since that is what God looks at, it is exactly what we should discover in one another.

"In the sight of God"—these are powerful words. When people are viewed in the sight of God, they are elevated and are regarded as His image.

You cannot but love a person when you look at him with the eyes of God instead of your own. No matter whether he has a flat face, hair that sticks up, is fat or skinny, through love you come to understand that physical appearance just does not matter. All you eventually see is his heart, his character. You see with the eyes of God, and deep love wells up within you when you recognize what is inside. You love all that is divine within him. You are naturally attracted to the purity of his soul. When people are close to God, they project His divinity; this has the pulling power of a magnet. And you ultimately end up looking beyond the facial structure or clothing, and with a heart full of love, pierce the very core of that person.

God sees people already stripped of the burden of sin. His eyes have the amazing ability to discern that the blackness of evil no longer shrouds a person's heart. And His are the eyes that allow the brilliance of spiritual light to engulf that heart.

Our own eyes play such tricks on us. We think we see things we don't, and just as often, we don't see things we should. We waver tremendously whenever we depart from God's standpoint. That is when we run into complications. Even though we review our understanding and according to logic it all makes sense, too often we tamper with our knowledge and want to use it to benefit ourselves. But that is when the trouble begins. Our fallen nature takes over; we no longer see with His eyes. And we encourage God's eyes to divert from looking at us.

The result is that mankind now faces an incredible dilemma. Inch by inch, all of us have moved away and compromised. Satan has so cleverly worked through our fallen nature to dominate us, and thereby makes sure that we no longer take God's position.

The best thing you can do is to take the same position as God and see things through His eyes. When you can do that, you will even feel compassion for the person who offends you. You will not chastise him even in your mind because you sustain and can even emanate compassionate and pitying love for him. If you see with God's eyes, you might even shed tears for the one who hurts you, realizing that he may be even more miserable than you are.

Be wise enough to understand the ways of God and able to forgive others. Even if it takes a bit of time, try to see them and the whole world through the eyes of God.

If you center upon yourself or humanity rather than God, realize that you have adopted a humanistic viewpoint. But if you are more concerned with God—His feelings and rights—then feel confident that you have assumed a spiritual viewpoint. The most important thing is to center upon God. If a person claims he is a humanist, and he does not want to see people suffer, he is naturally concerned with human rights. Such a person is a friend of the people, a philanthropist. You may wonder what's wrong with that. Nothing, *if* he puts God above the people. But humanism without considering God is satanic. The most important thing is to relate everything to God, and then look from His viewpoint. That is Godism and in our work of worldwide restoration, that is exactly what we must advocate.

Since we are often not connected to God, we do not have much trust in Him and we see more in a down-to-earth way rather than from a heaven-to-earth way. But when we do that, we lose our spiritual vision. We tailspin and end up in humanism. Therefore, the first vision we must attain is vertical. And to do that, we must devoutly aspire to grow spiritually.

It may be quite easy for us to perceive love in the circle of our church community or family, but once we confront non-members, we might find it much harder to behold God in them. It could be difficult to look into their faces and see the countenance of God, because so many are unsure of His will and their hearts do not beat with the same kind of vibration as God's. But do we have the right to judge another person because he has not committed his life as we have done? Does that make a person unlovable? I feel God's viewpoint is so different from ours. He can love those who do not yet



know Him because He looks at them with love: they are His children and He knows that it is only a matter of time before they realize it.

We should concentrate on doing the same. We should accept people at face value and do our best to dig below the surface to discover the beauty and freshness of their spirits and hearts. God and Father are gifted with the foremost ability to do that. Therefore the closer we come to becoming one with God and the Messiah, the more we will be able to love the people of society. In fact, that is the whole secret of witnessing: see those lost people with God's perception, and convey how lonely He is. Invite them to come home and rest by the hearth of God.

The principle of putting God first is absolutely necessary for spiritual survival. Anyone who deviates from that principle automatically floats further into the hands of Satan and is much more susceptible to using Satan's eyes than God's.

Love is the essence of life. Spiritual development is the process of increasing your capacity to receive love and the ability to give love. If you are "soaked" in love, then you are governed by perfect love. Being dictated by love is to look through the eyes of God or to take God's view and see a person as His son or daughter. You want to uplift that person. You want the very best for everyone, especially those entrusted in your care.

God has a certain goal in mind—for the world and for each of us. Although we may understand this in the broad sense, we do not necessarily perceive or view His small success stories as a means to that end because to us, they do not necessarily look like "success." It is just that our eyes do not open as wide as His. We may make an offering and even demand that God use it where we suggest. But we should allow God to choose where and how He wants to use our energy, our prayers, and efforts. Perhaps He wants to further some work in China, Ecuador, or Afghanistan; that is His prerogative. He can see much better from His point of view. He knows much better than we where the deficiencies are, and where love and energy is needed. We should empower Him to decide. It really does not matter if we don't see any tangible result from the work we do. We should just persevere and let God use our offering wherever He desires.

The more encounters you have with people, the better judge of char-

acter you become, and the better you will be able to see qualities of God's nature within them. Life experiences are vital to be able to see with the eyes of God. If you become able to look at a person with a loving heart, your judgment will be different from any appraisal you would make by looking at them with a hardened heart. If you see through the eyes of God, you are more able to probe deeply into the person's internal and external makeup than when you only see with your own eyes.

Take the viewpoint of God before you examine another person. When you do, you will naturally make allowances for him and you will not be plagued by the obstacles that keep you back from really understanding that person. Many times your first impression of someone causes antipathy on your part and you may well reject him. But realize that under a new set of circumstances, both that person and you would react differently. You would be different people. Perhaps in another situation that person would reveal more of his true self. Presently he may not seem relaxed, but then neither do you. You wonder what his impression is of you, and perhaps he speculates what you think of him.

It is impossible to really know a person from a first meeting. He may have immediately erected his defense mechanisms—you may have done the same. He might automatically wonder what you want from him. There may be no openness, no embrace of each other's strengths or weaknesses. Without effort on both sides, your meeting may be saturated with suspicion. You have to be able to burn through the outer shell first in order to really discover the person. You can do that with the wisdom and love which God implants within you, especially once you petition Him for those gifts. Pluck out your eyes of judgment if they offend you—or someone else—and ask for a replacement from God.

But seeing another with the eyes of God involves a goodwill proposition. You have to *want* to see the good in the other person. You have to want to make friends, not simply appraise him with criticism. What do we notice when we look at each other?—only clothing, hairstyle, and the color of eyes? Do we take the time to examine the spirit—the true character—of someone? Do we see what he represents? We are often too horizontal and fail to recognize these points. You have to want to meet God in that person. If you do, you will be able to unearth many qualities within him that otherwise you might never have noticed. And you could find that the discrepancies within that personality may be very few and eventually fade away if you are able to encourage him with enough love. Of course by using a magnifying glass you may easily discover that he has deficiencies here and there. But are any of us so different? Don't we all have problems? Consider these things whenever you want to judge a person. Realize that at the same time

he may be scrutinizing *you*. Doesn't that make you want to erect your own defense system?

Why not form an alliance instead. You do that with the greatest effectiveness when you change your attitude and viewpoint and employ the use of God's eyes.

We generally judge things according to whether or not they fit into our quite narrow concepts. Unless we unite with God and True Parents and grasp a total, universal view, we may tend to cling to a very limited point of view and become self-centered or at the very most, family-centered. But Unificationists ultimately desire to care for the whole family of mankind. If we hold tight to our own ideas, we may become stuck in inconsequential things. And when we do, it will be much more difficult to see the clarity of the Principle in action; it will be much more difficult to see God working in our lives, and we may just come to feel sorry for ourselves or become angry with our circumstances. But at those times the spirit world may just reject cooperating with us.

Being narrow-minded limits your life. It is best to project yourself out of the small world to which your mind currently confines you and acquire the big, universal vision of God.

Replace your old views with new ones. Use new terminology; begin a new way of looking at things. As described in the book of Revelation, the Bible indicates that those people who accompany the Lamb will sing a new song. I believe that refers to the fact that they will adopt an entirely new outlook on life. Of course we generally feel most secure if we have something upon which we can rely, but as the twilight of the old world fades and the new one dawns, we should do our best to embrace the concepts which have been restored according to God's viewpoint. If we stick with our old and also adopt some of the new ones, we run the risk of being bruised by the conflicts and battles which take place within, and we will have trouble in discerning which is which.

Discard your old concepts and develop a new way of thinking and feeling. Adopt a new ideology, a new way of life, but make sure God is at the center. When questions come up, always reflect on how God would look at the situation and what He would do about it. Then work to do the same.

The more we unite with our Heavenly Father, the more we will find ourselves able to take His position and step into His shoes. When we stand

in the center of the universe looking at creation from His vantage point, we will be truly awed; it is a remarkable and breathtaking sight. Revealed to us will be the labyrinth-like complexity of details He designed and fashioned in each entity and within each human being.

Seeing the universe with the eyes of God is quite different from just looking at it with the self-centered viewpoint that it should serve us during our life in this dog-eat-dog world. And when we look at people with the aid of God's eyes, we will surely unearth new worlds of emotions.

Since we are basically oriented to measure life in terms of the dimensions of time and space, we tend to view things in terms of hours and days. We have the tendency to make the world revolve around us. We rarely see the milestones in the last decade or even look toward the other side of the world. Instead we "look" with our logic and still relate to man's rather than God's view of human history. In the sight of God, values are quite different from those perpetrated throughout the secular world. According to the standard of values in secular society, our activities and even the characteristics of purity and humility we strive to illuminate, might be considered abnormal by many people. But in the viewpoint of God we are victors, indeed His own children.

The viewpoints of God and man are very opposite and contradictory in standard, but so much of the meaning and quality of life is decided based upon which one we take.

If someone is negative or uninspired, initially you may feel that God is not with him. But go one step further than you usually do: look *through* the skin and what you see at first glance. Look into the soul of that person. If you take the position of God, you will see the person's potential rather than merely what he is today. In fact, you will more easily discern his eternal value.

If you have found this hard to do, you may not have realized one secret: the eternal is hidden below the skin, deeply buried within a person. His give and take with society is centered upon Satan, whose power can change an individual's personality temporarily. But God's power is also great. If the person happens to come face-to-face with God and then sees into eternity, he may drop everything in order to live with Him.

If you see that the whole universe is created for God and man but look at it with the eyes of a child, it might look interesting, but you may feel

quite distant from it and uninvolved. However, if you view it with the eyes of a mature person, it will take on much more meaning. Yet if you see it with the eyes of God, you get the total overview. Certain emotions which have been locked away will burst forth when you perform even the tiniest action—from looking at a flower to listening to the howling wind. Everything will seem alive. Once you see with the eyes of God, you will discern the intricate details of God's embroidery woven throughout the universe, and His handiwork known as mankind. And that is when you will see the essence of His soul!

Because we do not see with the eyes of God, we usually cannot comprehend the spiritual side of life. But when we fail to do that, we subconsciously degrade every person. I find it so sad that there are people who unite so much with Satan they just accuse everyone else. We forget that Satan has eyes, too. But unlike the soulful and beautiful eyes of God, Satan's eyes are burning with scorn and contempt, and when we unite with him, he insists we look at life and other people in that way. When we do, we inherit one of his most heinous practices: he accused God for not giving him enough love. And since the time of the fall, mankind as a whole has followed his example.

Unfortunately, there are even Unificationists who may accuse God, Father, the Principle, their brothers and sisters, or the Unification movement, but this judgment is based on Satan's view. Those people have not traded Satan's eyes for a pair of God's. When we continue to use Satan's eyes, we multiply sin and perpetrate fallen nature. We certainly do not see with the eyes of God, nor do we behold how much we inflict suffering upon our Heavenly Father.

Don't take the narrow viewpoint. Don't center everything upon yourself. Connect with the central point and try to view all things from the standpoint of God. Do whatever it takes to get there. If you are spiritually elevated you will be able to see things in a much broader way. The whole world looks different to you once you see it through the eyes of God. I know. I have used His eyes many times, and this is not just a theory to me. To get to that point it is essential to talk to Him and feel with His heart. When you do, you will be able to perceive the love of God through your brothers and sisters, and you will treasure both their contributions and offerings.

What vision do we have? How do we see things? Do we see with the

eyes of God? Do we see things just as God sees them? There is a vast difference. Try to project yourself into the center of all that is occurring in the universe without asking, "Father give me this. Father what do you think about this?" Just think and feel what He does. When you do, you become a prophet and you speak as God does. Any of us are only able to speak based on what we see or perceive. The vision that we have to acquire is God's own. That will take some doing but why limit yourself by believing you can't. It is basically a question of consciousness.

Our feelings and emotions stay on such a basic and elementary level when we do not reach out to incorporate the world and cosmos. If we talk to God in prayer, we will hardly be heard unless our heart beats in accordance with God's. His heart encompasses the whole of humanity. It makes much more sense to us once we begin to fit ourselves and our world into the cosmic concept.

Whenever Father speaks, he always relates his words to the cosmic level, to God's view. Unless we connect ourselves to this higher purpose, we will have a much harder time understanding what Father is talking about.

Everything looks different when viewed through the eyes of God. We tend to downgrade each other when we use our own eyes. We too often look down, instead of up, to each other. But this is contrary to what God does. If we could follow His pattern, so many of our personal problems would dissolve in the heat of His love. Problems arise when we look at and speak to one another in a condescending way. Doing that only serves to hinder people from developing healthy self-esteem and in fact cuts them off from actualizing their purpose. We should always strive to foster respect and love. When people look up to you, you can begin to respect yourself and will naturally gain greater self-confidence. But if somebody constantly belittles and berates you, you would eventually feel quite worthless.

It may ultimately benefit someone to point out his faults to him, but if you leave him flattened by steamrolling him with criticism, he may stay deflated. If you notice that a person is defeated and depressed, it is then your responsibility to lift that person up again. That is just what God does. His eyes see so much more than any of us can ever perceive. And they glisten with tears of love for each of us, especially when He has to inform us where we have gone wrong, and knows we have been hurt.

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just a shadow of what God has in mind for us in the future. But our perception is minimal. We are not quite able to understand the viewpoint of God.

We may just be living from day to day when suddenly something erupts. All of a sudden we reach the point of a tremendous spiritual breakthrough. It can be compared with the Industrial Revolution. After its emergence there were abrupt developments which suddenly changed the whole world. And once the nuclear age came, any of the previous limits were abolished. Beforehand, no one could dream that this would ever happen. Today we find ourselves in the "nuclear age," spiritually as well as physically.

Think about God's plan and motivation. Reflect upon why He created everything in relation to true love. How do we break through and really see with the eyes of God? How can we see what God originally intended for all things?

We are supposed to see each other with the eyes of God. That was the problem with Cain and Abel. They did not see each other through the eyeglasses of God. The archangel should have viewed Adam and Eve with the eyes of God; if he could have done that, he would not have made his tragic mistake. We see how devastating that sin was, but why do we continue to repeat it? When we look at our brothers and sisters with the wrong perspective instead of the eyes of God, we come into problems; we do not act according to the dictates of the heart of God. When we do not see with God's eyes, we leave our proper position. The Principle explains that that is one of the aspects of fallen nature. But if we can look up to our brothers and sisters and the central person, we will not face that dilemma. It is when we inwardly and secretly position ourselves above our peers and especially the central person, that we are doomed spiritually. Realize that God's eyes see any motivation hiding within the heart. But even when they do, they are still compassionate.

Relationships become stale and boring when we do not view one another with respect. Life then loses a great deal of impact and challenge. But if instead you begin the day with the desire to serve others, you will find many surprises: someone has the same desire to minister to you. God.

Examine the viewpoint of God. How does God see your present predicament and series of problems? You may have to look around yourself and desperately call out, "God, where are You now? Give me the answer. I need Your help!" But the answers may come from within because God already resides there. When you open yourself to Him, He will be able to use your eyes to see. Although at that moment you will see much more clearly that Satan has tarnished this world, you can also recognize the element of

hope rising over the mountains of faith. And that will stimulate those eyes of yours to cry tears of sorrow and joy at the same time, and stir your heart to act, no longer out of revenge or arrogance, but rather from compassion and love.