



Seen by Others

Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 6:1-18

Matthew 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

1 John 4:12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.



See what Jesus is and is not saying

Proverbs 18:23 The poor use entreaties, but the rich answer roughly.

Proverbs 14:31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.

Philippians 3:1-11



What we sometimes don't see

Genesis 16:7-13 When Hagar realized God was looking

Genesis 29:31-35 When Leah set her eyes on God

Jeremiah 2:1-3 The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the Lord, 'I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed Me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. Israel was holy to the Lord, the firstfruits of His harvest. All who ate of it incurred guilt; disaster came upon them, declares the Lord.'"



A God who sees me

Matthew 6:7-15 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.' For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."



What we should see