

# Seeing God

*"She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: 'You are the God who sees me,' for she said, 'I have now seen the One who sees me.'"*

*Genesis 16:13 (NIV)*

*"'But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.'"*

*Exodus 33:20 (NIV)*

*"By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.*

*Hebrews 11:27 (NIV)*

**H**agar, who is referred to in our Genesis verse, was an Egyptian slave who was abused by her owner Sarai, so she fled into the wilderness. The Lord sent an angel to speak to her. We might wonder at the angel's instructions because the message was for her to return to her abusive owner. Again, we are confronted with the fact that the Lord leads many of His people by the road less travelled. It will be eternity before we realize all the wisdom of our sovereign God in His ways with us.

Hagar said she "saw" God. Moses was told he could not see God and in Hebrews we read that Moses "saw" God. What is going on here? Can we see God or not?

We are given some idea of how we "see" or "hear" God in creation. Psalm 19:1-4 (NIV) reads, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard

from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

The Psalmist tells us that the universe makes clear how remarkable the Creator is. Many astronomers and physicists make credible testimony to the amazing splendor of creation. The universe "speaks" to us of the power, wisdom, and enormity of the One Who assembled all we can see and cannot see (dark matter) in space.

We also "see" the Lord in the blessings we receive through answered prayer.

The ultimate vision of our Creator is in Jesus Christ, the One Who said, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." Studying the Gospels gives us many beautiful portraits of the Saviour. Reading the Passion Narratives in the Gospels we are shown the extent of God's love for us in our Lord's suffering and death on the cross.

May the Easter story fill your heart and mind with joy and confidence today as you con-

tinue to serve the resurrected Saviour. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed.

Man of Sorrows! what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement! can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;  
It is finished! was His cry;  
Now in Heav'n exalted high.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious king,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew His song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior

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