



What Does God See ?

The world has always been filled with turmoil and for some this is evidence that God either does not exist or he does not care about mankind. Some have gone so far as to state that they have engaged in something that most would say is wrong but conclude that their actions are right because God did not strike them down in the process. The actions of God, revealed in the scriptures, tells us of the great purpose to save mankind, to the end that he sent his son to offer the only sacrifice that takes away sin (**John 3.16**). But is the apparent lack of intervention on the part of God evidence that the Lord does not exist or that he is not mindful of the affairs of humanity? Solomon, in his collection and recording of Proverbs, tells us differently. ***“For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.” (Prov 5.21)***. The narrative of the Bible tells us of the workings of God and his dealings with mankind. In the history of the world we can account for the demise of world powers, not only from a historical perspective, but from a spiritual one as well. When empires and civilizations have drifted into a lack of morality and evil, their time comes to an end as they are swallowed by their enemies through their own apathy, socially, morally and spiritually. Paul tells us that God is mindful of order and the maintenance of morality through laws and their enforcement in a secular or worldly sense. Paul instructed the Roman Christians, ***“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but***

also for conscience sake.” (Rom 13.1-5). Many today favor political and social platforms that endorse the idea of pursuing immorality operating under the guise of “freedom”. We find that the ability to do something does not make it an exercise of personal choice and freedom when our actions undermine the idea of right and wrong. Israel drifted into this type of thinking ushering in various periods of anarchy and eventual destruction. The book of Judges summarizes this attitude which prevailed during a lack of strong leadership. ***“In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 21.5)***. Solomon writes, ***“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.” (Prov 14.34)***. It is within the framework of an orderly society that true freedom can be pursued through remembering God and serving him. God watches over the world and is mindful of the things that are done on the Earth. ***“The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.” (Prov 15.3)***. The full revelation of God not only tells of His plan to save mankind but also warns of judgment that will come. ***“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” (2 Cor 5.10)***. We can interpret God’s apparent lack of intervention in many ways, but a productive, and positive way to view this, is to see that God exercises patience with all of us as we deal with life and the search for meaning. Solomon summarizes the wisest approach in his writings, reminding us of our creator. ***“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.” (Eccl 12.13)***. God calls through his word for us to obey and be saved. The question we have to answer is whether we are listening or not.