

Daily Devotional by Dr. Gloria P. Holmes

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"Gateway to God's Glory in the Midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic"

"GOD'S EYES ARE WATCHING"

"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him. You have done a foolish thing and from now on you will be at war." 2 Chronicles 16:9 (KJV)

I am extremely excited that God sees us; that He is always looking out for us. ***"For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."*** (2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV) We know that God is Almighty, All-knowing, and Present everywhere. Our limited and small minds cannot begin to comprehend the bigness of God. Throughout the years, I have been blessed to be influenced by many women of great faith. One of these individuals was a well-known and remarkably effective politician in Jacksonville who was much admired and impacted many lives. But though she was impressive in her dedication in serving the community, her faith as a committed Christian stood out whenever she spoke. On many occasions, she would use the expression, "God are good!" --- emphasizing that "is" was just too small a word to describe our Heavenly Father. Our verse today also expresses how good and great God is. It reminds us that our Heavenly Father watches over us. Can you imagine it? God sees and cares about all of us whose hearts are committed to Him. ***"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed; He remembers that we are dust."*** (Psalm 103: 13- 14) **Praise the LORD!** This means that while God is always compassionate toward us, He understands our weaknesses and shortcomings. Growing up, many of us were told by our parents and I later told my own children: ***"I may not see what you are doing, but God sees everything."*** Of course, we adults were trying to put the reverent fear of God in our children. Nevertheless, the scripture confirms the truth. As we mature in the faith, we are extremely glad that God does see us.

Many people feel as if no one notices or cares about them. As educators, we were taught that lessons and activities should be developmentally appropriate. Therefore, we bow down at eye level of younger children so that they will know we are paying attention to them. The story of Hagar, the maidservant of Sarai, illustrates a very loving and endearing moment. After fleeing from Sarai's mistreatment, while in her desperation, Hagar encounters God. Genesis 16:13 records: ***"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."*** The great and gifted African-American writer, Zora Neale Hurston, from the predominantly black historic city of Eatonville, Florida, wrote a significant novel she titled Their Eyes Were Watching God. Truly, it is essential that we ***"keep lifting our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help; our help comes from the LORD who made heaven and earth."*** (Psalm 121:1-2). But praise be to God, our Heavenly Father watches over us. The hymnist captured this truth when he wrote: ***"I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free; For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."***

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
We are so grateful that you really see us. May we ever be mindful that You are keeping watch over us. That makes us feel safe and secure. Help us to watch and pray so that we will not fall into temptation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

How will you respond to today's message?
