

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

- Bible Study 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

News @ NSD

- **Janna Wells** – back problems.
- **Martha Holloway's** recurring back and heart ailment.
- **Robyn Hamilton's** sister, in hospice in New Orleans awaiting surgery after a car accident.
- **Dema's** sister-in-law – liver and bone cancer.
- **Scott Shaw's** dad, Tommy – battling liver cancer.
- **Jeanne Lynne** – recovering from surgeries.
- **The Hoskins** – due back this week.
- **Dema Franklin** - will be away visiting her daughter in Northern California for the next 3 weeks.
- **Jason Henderson** – keep him in your prayers.
- **Ernest Peeples** – deploying this month.

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Sunday Morning Class

Psalms

Wednesday Night Class

Character Studies

I WANT TO LOOK UPON HIS FACE

I've never seen a photo, a video, a marble bust, or so much as a rock etching to show what Jesus really looked like. Yet I have no doubt that Jesus lived, and that He is the Son of God (**John 20:30-31**). I firmly believe that He is in heaven and that He will come back one day (**Acts 1:9-11; John 14:1-2**). No vision of Him is necessary right now.

We do not need to see Him in order to believe in Him. We "walk by faith, not by sight" (**2 Corinthians 5:7**). Faith is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (**Hebrews 11:1**). We do not need to see Him in order to be blessed by Him: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (**John 20:29**). We do not need to see Him in order to love Him: "Whom having not seen, ye love" (**1 Peter 1:8**). But I still want to see Him!

The Bible promises that one day we will. John wrote, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him" (**Revelation 1:7**). Not only will Christians see Him, but we will get to remain in His presence! "And so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**).

What would it have been like to have lived two thousand years ago and to have seen Jesus? One who did see Him was an old man named Simeon. Simeon lived in Jerusalem and had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until "he had seen the Lord's Christ" (**Luke 2:26**). When Joseph and Mary took baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon met them. The historian Luke records the scene: "Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation" (**Luke 2:28-30**). One day we too will lay eyes on Him for the first time, and like Simeon it will be the highlight of our lives.

There is a sense in which we "see" deity now. We see Christ through His Word and His world (Psalm 19). We speak of seeing God in the face of a child, the flower of the field, the precision of the planetary orbits, and the complexity of DNA. Sir Isaac Newton said that he could take his telescope and look millions of miles into space. "But when I lay it aside, go into my room, shut the door, and get down on my knees in earnest prayer, I see more of Heaven and feel closer to the Lord than if I were assisted by all the telescopes on earth" (<http://www.sermoncrafters.org>).

The New Testament holds out the hope for more than this—that we can one day see God (**Hebrews 12:14**). Moses was once allowed to see the goodness, glory, and back of God (**Exodus 33:17-23**), but he was warned, "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live" (**33:20**). The Bible makes it clear that "no man hath seen God at any time" (**John 1:18; cf. Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:27**). Job believed he would see God: "For I know that my ➔

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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **Col 3:16**

Answer me speedily, O LORD;
My spirit fails!
Do not hide Your face from me,
Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.
Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness
in the morning,
For in You do I trust;
Cause me to know the way
in which I should walk,
For I lift up my soul to You.
Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
In You I take shelter.
Teach me to do Your will for You are my God;
Your Spirit is good.
Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Psalms 143:7-10

As I journey thru the land singing as I go
Pointing souls to Calvary
To the crimson flow
Many arrows pierce my soul
From without within
But my Lord leads me on
Thru Him I must win

O I want to see Him, look upon His face
There to sing forever
Of His saving grace
On the streets of glory
Let me lift my voice
Tears all gone, home at last
Ever to rejoice

R. H. Cornelius

[I Want to Look...]

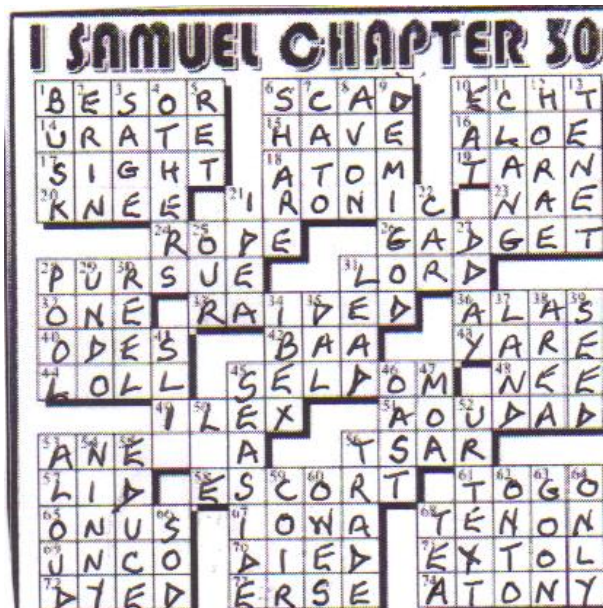
redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (**Job 19:25-26**). Jesus promised us: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (**Matthew 5:8**). John confirms that in heaven we will be allowed to see God's face (**Revelation 22:4**).

William M. Dyke became blind at age ten. Nonetheless, he grew into an intelligent, witty, and handsome young man. While attending graduate school in England, he became engaged to an English admiral's daughter. The admiral insisted that William have a new procedure to restore his sight. Hoping against hope, William wanted the gauze removed from his eyes during the wedding, so the first thing he saw would be his bride's face. As she came down the aisle, William's father unwound the bandages—not knowing if the operation was successful. When the last layer came off William looked into his bride's face for the first time. He said: "You are more beautiful than I ever imagined."

Like this young groom, we will one day see our Beloved for the first time during a wedding (**Revelation 19:9**). We shall "look upon his face" (**Revelation 22:3-4**). When Jesus came the first time He had "no form nor comeliness" and "no beauty that we should desire him" (**Isaiah 53:2**). He visited earth from heaven in a form that most did not recognize (**John 1:10-14**). Yet when He appears the second time, Jesus will be more beautiful than any picture ever painted of Him or any thought ever imagined of Him. It will be worth the years of waiting to one day "see him as he is" (**1 John 3:1-2**).

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Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



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