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## *As I See It. . . By Brian Gregory*

There's an old song that says, "There's an eye on high watching you." I recall Jim Wilson was said to have told his kids this often while growing up and even beyond. We are all familiar with the song that says, "Be careful little eyes what you see, there's a Father up above who is looking down in love." We all know as these songs and scriptures teach, God is watching over us, His eye is upon you (1 Pt. 3:12). I think we need to ask, "How often is our eye upon God?"

While recently reading Zechariah chapter 9, a particular verse caught my attention. While Israel is in the midst of rebuilding the temple and Zechariah is encouraging them along, they faced opposition from many places. But, God knew His people were focused upon Him. In fact Zechariah specifically says, "the eyes of men, especially of all the tribes of Israel, are toward the LORD" (Zec. 9:1). Because of this unique singular focus, God protected and blessed His people.

Every day, there is so much in this world constantly vying for our attention and focus that God often gets crowded out or pushed to the edge. But, when our eyes are upon Him, our hearts and minds will follow suit and everything else that either does or does not need our attention will find its proper place. Jesus Himself made an extended point about this in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 6:1ff). What we often forget is, when you are focused upon God, not only will you accomplish great things for Him, you will also find a way to incorporate Him

## *A Source of Grief . . . By Joe Macer*

Genesis 26:34-35 When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and also Basemath daughter of Elon the Hittite. They were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

Marriage and the days following should be an exciting time. In our society a great deal of time and searching will go into the selection of a mate. Parents should be consulted as the decision is made for a lifelong mate. The experiences that they have endured have been great teachers and this learning should be used to help their child whom they love dearly to make the best choice. One area that parents care deeply about is the spiritual success of their children. Parents united in worshipping God want the same for their children. Experience has shown them the possible dangers of two people married with different religious views. Isaac and Rebekah were distressed by the decision made by Esau. Esau chose two women that were Hittites. Their religious views were much different than what Esau knew during his rearing. Esau was trained by his father and his grandfather to serve God. These two women were following what they had been taught which was idolatrous worship. History seems to indicate that Esau went with their line of thinking.

Isaac and Rebekah wanted the best for their sons and that included their choice of wives. They understood that a mate could lead their son astray and this they did not want. These godly parents were disturbed and considered Esau's choice as a source of grief. The thought of marriage is exciting but is it worth destroying the family relationship that you have known since birth? Finding a mate can be wonderful but is it worth it to be led astray from the truth? I don't know if Isaac and Rebekah understood much about heaven but if they did then they wanted Esau to make choices that would lead him to heaven. We want the same for our children today. A question that needs to be answered by all who are dating or thinking of marriage is: Will this person help me make heaven my home. Don't choose someone who will make your life or eternal life a source of grief.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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**WORSHIP LEADERS December 14, 2014**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Randy Jones  
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Byran Farris  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Alex Jones  
     Gary Boyd                      Jesse Gilliam  
     DeWayne Hickman          Tommy Hight  
     Dave Coleman                Larry Nicholson  
     Bobby Daniels                Ronnie Skelley  
 Read: Matthew 25:14-19.....Mike Lyle  
 Sermon: "What To Do With These Gifts?".....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson  
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling  
 Read: Malachi 3:8-12.....Dennis Thomason  
 Sermon: "Robbing God".....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Charlie Willis  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

**Holiday Schedule**  
**Since Christmas Eve and New Years Eve**  
**fall on Wednesdays, we will meet on Tues-**  
**days December 23 and December 30.**

Ushers: Chase Thomason, Terry Burgess, Jerry Williams

Greeters: Clyde & Sara Farris, John Thomas, Tim Raines

Audio/Visual: Jim Pollard

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

**WEDNESDAY, December 17, 2014 - 6:30 P.M.**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Dana & Jessica Daniels  
 P.M.....Melba Lee & Morgan Belew

Song Leader .....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Blair Keeling  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Brian Gregory