

20/20 Vision

“What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” - A.W. Tozer

What you _____ about God shapes your whole relationship with Him.

What you _____ God thinks about you determines how close you will grow toward Him.

Our wrong _____ about God stand as a barrier to the intensity of the friendship, love, and encouragement we could be sharing with our Heavenly Father.

Zeph 3:17 For the LORD your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty savior. He will rejoice over you with great gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will exult over you by singing a happy song.

When we fall into the holes we've created by our own _____ it's usually because we have forgotten or have yet to learn something about His character and love for us.

Until you _____ God as He is, you will never become all He _____ you to be.

Focal Lens

1. God is not _____ us!

Is 40:25-28 "To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One. Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out one after another, calling each by its name. And he counts them to see that none are lost or have strayed away. O Israel, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles? How can you say God refuses to hear your case? Have you never heard or understood? Don't you know that the LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

2 Samuel 7:22 How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you -- there is no other God. We have never even heard of another god like you!

Romans 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the

**Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"
For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

2. Left to ourselves, we tend to _____ God to manageable terms.

Romans 1:21-23 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

Job 38:3 Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

God will not be _____ by us.

3. God can only be known as He _____ Himself to us.

A. Through _____

Ps. 19:1-3 The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies;

Romans 1:20 From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities -- his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.

B. Through His _____

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

C. Through His _____

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.