



Looking through Binoculars

Genesis 42:29-36; 50:15-21

Our God is greater than any problem we will ever face! Often our faithful and loving God allows difficult circumstances to come into our lives. At such times, how we view our circumstances and how we view God are of utmost importance.

The man of little faith gazes long at his circumstances and gives God only a fleeting glance. The trusting heart gazes at the Lord and delights in who God is. When he glances at his circumstances, he sees them in proper perspective.

When you look through binoculars, even far away objects look much bigger. If you look through the other end of the binoculars, everything looks very small.

Jacob saw God through the wrong end of his binoculars, and he magnified his circumstances: “And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me” (*Gen. 42:36*). Some of the things he worried about never came to pass. Indeed, before too long he would be reunited with his beloved son Joseph.

Joseph, on the other hand, saw God as very big and viewed his very difficult circumstances (being sold into slavery, falsely accused, imprisoned, etc.) through the other end of the binoculars: “But as for you, ye thought evil against me: but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive” (*Gen. 50:20*). Joseph’s big view of God helped him to understand that God had a plan and a purpose for all the horrible things that happened to him. He knew that God was able to work all things together for good (*Rom. 8:28*).

The bigger our view of God is, the smaller our problems become. When our eyes are ever toward the LORD, the net is no longer a problem (*Psalms 25:15*).

~George Zeller: www.middletonbiblechurch.org



Looking through Binoculars

Genesis 42:29-36; 50:15-21

Our God is greater than any problem we will ever face! Often our faithful and loving God allows difficult circumstances to come into our lives. At such times, how we view our circumstances and how we view God are of utmost importance.

The man of little faith gazes long at his circumstances and gives God only a fleeting glance. The trusting heart gazes at the Lord and delights in who God is. When he glances at his circumstances, he sees them in proper perspective.

When you look through binoculars, even far away objects look much bigger. If you look through the other end of the binoculars, everything looks very small.

Jacob saw God through the wrong end of his binoculars, and he magnified his circumstances: “And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me” (*Gen. 42:36*). Some of the things he worried about never came to pass. Indeed, before too long he would be reunited with his beloved son Joseph.

Joseph, on the other hand, saw God as very big and viewed his very difficult circumstances (being sold into slavery, falsely accused, imprisoned, etc.) through the other end of the binoculars: “But as for you, ye thought evil against me: but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive” (*Gen. 50:20*). Joseph’s big view of God helped him to understand that God had a plan and a purpose for all the horrible things that happened to him. He knew that God was able to work all things together for good (*Rom. 8:28*).

The bigger our view of God is, the smaller our problems become. When our eyes are ever toward the LORD, the net is no longer a problem (*Psalms 25:15*).

~George Zeller: www.middletonbiblechurch.org