

## Theme for 2020

### I AM WHAT ‘YOU’ SEE!

#### **‘LORD, Open My Eyes, Help Me Believe, I Am What YOU See.’**

*“Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light... Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb. I thank you, High God—you’re breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you. The days of my life all prepared before I’d even lived one day. Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful! God, I’ll never comprehend them! I couldn’t even begin to count them—any more than I could count the sand of the sea. Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you.”*

**Matthew 6:22 (MSG); Psalm 139:13-18 (MSG)**



#### ***This Week’s Thought – September 20, 2020***

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*“Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.”*

**Hosea 10:12 (NIV)**

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**“We’re ALL in this TOGETHER.”** Appointments with God honor God. When He is scheduled daily it shows He is your priority. Some people clamor to get on a celebrities’ calendar, timeline and social network feed, yet Christ is accessible 24/7. Indeed, Jesus, the most iconic person of all time is available to engage any interested individual at any time. The Almighty God has no handlers or gatekeepers—He is easily reachable by faith. So, why are we reluctant to schedule time with Eternity? Are we really too busy to pray?

In life we have appointments for activities that really matter to us: haircuts, hair salon, exercise, doctors, dentists, mechanics, job interviews, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, dates, etc. Why not schedule time with our Savior, so we feel accountable to meet with Him? We would certainly not miss an appointment with Jesus any more than we would stand up our hair stylist. Previously calendared time makes it easier to say, “I have another commitment.”

*“This is what the LORD says to Israel: “Seek me and live.” (Amos 5:4)*

We set appointments with the Lord because He is the ultimate expert on living. He is your relational therapist. He is the minister of your soul. He is the psychiatrist of your emotions and the physician of your body. God is your eternal expert for how to do life meaningfully and abundantly. So, you go to God to learn how to go forward in amazing faith-filled living. Your appointments with the Almighty teach you how to live life well.

What is keeping you from scheduling Christ? Time? He has given you enough time to do His will. Fatigue? Rest is the result of resting in the arms of your heavenly Father. Faith? When you show up, He shows up and helps your unbelief. Eventually your emotions will catch up with your obedience to be with Jesus. God appointments work.

Perhaps you start with calendaring five minutes a day with Christ, with a goal to increase it to an hour a day. Just as you turn off your phone and give full focus to those with whom you meet, do the same for your Savior. Give Him your undivided attention with no multitasking or distractions. Create a calm place to be quiet before your Lord. Begin the day by feeding your soul and then your fullness of faith will feed other starving souls throughout the day.

*“They were also to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD. They were to do the same in the evening.” (1 Chronicles 23:30)*

**“I am who You say I am! I am God’s workmanship, created in Christ unto good works. (Ephesians 2:10) I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people (1 Peter 2:9). I am greatly loved by God (Ephesians 2:4; Colossians 3:12). I AM WHAT ‘YOU’SEE!’”**

**Application:** Create a calm place to be quiet before your Lord. Make it your heart’s desire to meet Him at a daily appointed time.

**Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear God, I give You my full attention in this moment, and I see the result of Your love and compassion towards me. I seek to get my personal self out of the way, so that the Divine can emerge from within me. In my awareness of You, I feel a harmonizing calm, a complete confidence and the victorious blessedness that always emanates from Your close Presence and quiet, steady, purposeful activity. I give You my undivided attention as I come to You this day, seeking to abide in You and consciously let You perform Your work. Live in me and through me and all around me oh God, freeing me to live a fuller, happier, more useful and more satisfying life through You. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”**

**Yours in Christ, Pastor King**