



# Proper Perspectives

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# One-eyed Approach

- Fully see only one or the other of a two-sided proposition.
- Need to open both eyes and bring both sides into focus as one big picture.
- Psalm 119:160
  - Consider all of God's truth, not just a portion.



# An Example

- How is man saved?
  - Baptism? Acts 2:38
  - Faith? Romans 5:1
  - Grace? Ephesians 2:5, 8
- The entirety of God's truth on the subject is not given in a single passage.
- It is dangerous to have an one-eyed approach to studying this vital subject.

# Goodness and Severity of God

- There are those who incorrectly focus (or emphasize) one trait to the neglect of the other.
- Some focus so much on God's goodness they become complacent and careless in their service.
- Some focus so much on God's severity they grow discouraged and fear they can never be pleasing to Him.

# Goodness and Severity of God

- God is good.
  - Created in His image. Genesis 1:26, 27
  - Gave His Son to save us. John 3:16
  - Offers salvation to all men. Acts 10:34, 35
  - Blesses (Eph. 1:3) and rewards (Heb. 5:8, 9).
- God is severe.
  - Adam and Eve were driven from the garden, a flood was sent, Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, Ananias and Sapphira were punished, and Herod was killed.

# Both are Seen in Jesus

- Matthew 12:18-21
- Matthew 21:12, 13
- If your reading of Scripture only allows you to see one side of Jesus, you need to open both eyes.



# Sharpness and Gentleness

- Concerning those who sin...
  - There are some who approach every situation with gentleness.
  - There are those who approach every situation with firmness.
  - Both are needed at different times.
- A two-eyed approach will work best in these situations, as circumstances oftentimes play a role.

# Sharpness and Gentleness

- Sharpness is, at times, needed.
  - Titus 1:13
  - 1 Corinthians 5:1-5
  - Paul strongly rebuked Peter.
- Gentleness is, at times, needed.
  - Galatians 6:1 deals with one “overtaken” or surprised rather than one who willfully walks directly in to sin.

# Sharpness and Gentleness

- In many cases though the sin may be the same, there may be different ways of dealing with it.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14
  - Warn the unruly
  - Uphold the weak
  - Comfort the fainthearted
- Jude 22, 23

# Security and Danger

- “Once saved, always saved” does not see danger.
- “Cannot be sure of salvation” does not see promises.
- Both views are unhealthy and unbiblical.

# Security and Danger

- Danger

- The dangers Christians face are very real.
- 1 Corinthians 10:12
- Hebrews 3:12

- Security

- Don't allow the possibility of apostasy to rob you of the assurance we have in Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- 2 Peter 1:10

# Conclusion

- Let's open both eyes and see the full picture.
- Will you accept God's invitation?
- Come to Him today.