

When God Says...

Part 2: Look!

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All through scripture, God keeps asking his family to look.

Lift your eyes

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail. – Isaiah 51:6

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. – Isaiah 40:26

(see also Luke 21:28; John 4:35)

Behold

“Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.” – Genesis 28:15

Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”
– Revelation 21:5

Look to the Lord

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.
– 1 Chronicles 16:11 and Psalm 105:4

Lifting our eyes...

Changes our perspective

Helps us see a bigger picture

Helps us “find our size”

Allows us to turn aside and look at a possible encounter with God

An Example from the Life of Moses

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." -Exodus 3:1-5

A Beautiful Response: Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from?

²My help comes from the Lord the Maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not harm you by day nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

⁸the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Next Steps

Let's be practical — it's a beautiful day, so get outside and lift your eyes. What do you see that's new? Thank God for it.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What's something you love to look at? Why?
- 2) Has God ever used a picture to speak to your heart? What was the picture?
- 3) How can you be obedient to the three requests listed above as God asks you to look?
- 4) What can you learn from Moses' encounter with God?
- 5) Read Psalm 121. What is God saying to you through this beautiful psalm?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?