

**Look Up and you can Look Out!**

Are you looking out – big things – that is what God spoke to Abraham

Genesis 13:14-15

One time, **Abram** just gone thru a major prob – **setback** – keep peace – high rd

Prob w nephew Lot, in order to keep the peace, took the high road – move to a diff location

Now A has to **start all over** again – **had worked hard** – **new place- dry** - dishearten

Worked so hard – dev – land – great place

New land – dry – barren – nothing beautiful

Sure – A – dishearten

14 The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. 15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

Look up and Look Out from where you are

All – see – yours

**YOU** may go thru series of setbacks – like A – peo **did wrong** – **start all over** - **not good place**

No all time – you give in – sometimes, you need to hold the ground – but in this instance, Abraham moves on Did **right** thing - **Lost job** – **health - rel**

**Easy** to be **discouraged** – bitter – sour in life

Life does **not end** – becos – someone walked out – doc give a report It is not **finished** until God says – finished

Joel 3:18

How to **thrive** in hostile discouraging environment

**1. Look UP and not look down**

Gen 13:14 Lift up your eyes from where you are

Years – later – story – forfeited – not defeated by giants – bad pict of themselves

Numbers 13:33

33 We saw the Nephilim there. We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

Didn't say those **giants** call them grasshoppers

– they see themselves as

grasshoppers

- and **they looked** the same to them

**Amazing** – hist diff if have right opinion

Too many believers – see

themselves as **grasshoppers**

What happen when we have a poor picture of ourselves?

**- inferior, not valuable, weak, no talent, no look, edu, fam background,**

**You become like the way you see yourself. And people will treat you the way you see yourself.**

Like **echo** – you **fool** ...; you

**coward** ...; **clumsy** – **can't do** anything right ...

See **inferior** - you become **exactly** like that – inferior - Peo will **treat** you inferior

You may be – most **beautiful**

– but see yourself unattractive–

frowning all time – **appear** – ugly – wonder why no friends

On the **other hand**, a person may be **not nat beautiful** – inside is beautiful

**Carry** herself like a **queen** – **walk** like princess – **smile** like miss world – appear **attractive**

Heard story – pastor has a big

**German** shepherd

Proud of his dog – big like a tiger – riding bicycle – 50 m – little Chi

wawa – barking – running towards – that huge dog – frozen in fear,

hung head down – row over – all 4 legs – kick that dog on the way home

Chiwawa – may be **sm** on outside – big on inside

You **look down** – think **humble** – **insulting** God's workmanship God you didn't do a good job

Psalms 139:14

**Fearfully**: worshipfully

**Wonderfully** – distinct, different, unique

Change whatever can - accept

**Recog** – enjoy what you have

**Focus** – what God says – final

**Not perfect** – good

**Patient** w self and w others – **enjoy** peo - process

It came to pass

Why is it imp't to have wholeness in our soul?

3 John 2-3

2 Beloved, I pray that you may **prosper** in all things and be in **health**, just as your soul prospers.

Some peo – I don't go – **health** – **wealth** gospel – heart - gospel

If anyone und **heart** of Jesus – John

Look a the gospel – Jesus perform many healings – prospering – 2 boats – coin in fish mouth – feeding 5000 - leftovers

Notice: as **soul prosper**

Soul – mind, emo, will

Heard story – pas from **Holland** –

ministering to guy - cancer

– learned imp't – pros and wellbeing of the soul

Didn't even talk about healing –

getting rid of **condemnation**,

unworthy, self-esteem – doc

operated – couldn't find a trace of cancer

Cornie Seaward

3 John 3

**2. Look UP and see His goodness and all supplies flow**

Gen 13:15 All the land ... I will give to you and your offspring forever.

Look up what **kind** of God do you see – taker – killer

No need to beg – cry – lay hold of his willingness - if my kids

Psalms **90** sounds very sad

Psa 90

**3** ... You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."

**6** ... like grass, dried up and withered in the evening

**7** ... We are consumed by your anger

**9** ... We finish our years with a moan.

**10** The length of our days is seventy years--or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

**Cf. Genesis 6:3 ... his days will be a hundred and twenty years.**

Description of fallen world – not the world created to be – not the ori world God intended

– David – Job

**David** – consequences – one act – see that passed down next gen – war, strife, sexual sins – diff – doesn't have Jesus

**Job** – no redeemer

Ps 90:14-17

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailling love. 15 Give us gladness in proportion to our former misery! Replace the evil years with good. TLB

16 Let us see your miracles again; let our children see your glory at work. NLT

17 May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us -- yes, establish the work of our hands.

Why did Moses – the lawgiver, didn't even focus on the law but instead on grace?

The **one** – brought law – didn't focus on law

– law perf – realize can't fulfill – wag – lost opp't

– but he did enter – Mt of transfiguration - saw Jesus

**KJV: Beauty (delight, pleasant)**

Jump – excitement – not just favor –

**beauty** – receive favor blessings

Rev 5:10

And have made us **kings** and **priests** to our God; And we shall **reign** on the earth." NKJV

Key to reign - right pict  
Romans 4:13  
Revelation 5:1-10

John vision – scroll (Bible) – writing  
both sides – sealed – WHO worthy?  
**WEPT**

Scroll – d plan – God's plan – who's  
worthy to fulfill?

5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

**Rev 5:6**

Then I **SAW** a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the **centre** of the throne.

Key – reign – **proper** pict of God  
Learnt in Bible **Sch** – God omni –  
wrath – judge ... - overriding -  
**centre?**

What is the **overriding** picture of God  
– he wants us to have

I am Ps Joshua,

boss, son, bro, sis, ...if one day - public  
But what is the overriding pict I want  
my kids to have of me – loving daddy  
If one day they come and call me –  
pastor – I am going to be disappointed

**What kind of pict?**

Job – one day lost everything – didn't  
have an **intercessor**

**Clues** – jigsaw puzzle – why – not his  
sins (what his friends conclude) -  
wrong pict of God

**Job 1:21**

The LORD gave and the LORD has  
taken away

Job 1:5

What **pict** – **sadist** – see peo enjoying –  
take away

Send me sickness – **teach** – If true –  
Jesus going **against** God's desire –  
healing prospering

**Injection** – warn – OK - **fan**

Some – God send sickness – learn  
lesson – danger of fan – crush hand –  
inject bacteria

Grace – brings most amazing  
**transformation** – Rahab – Zecheaus

**What happen when we have a  
wrong picture of God?**

Things – **gone** wrong – first thing –  
**what I did** – wrong – **Tien - Lear**  
Even King Lear – Shakespeare –  
more sinned against than sin –  
why

Jesus **perform** miracle – never ask  
–

**confess** all sins? – **right** w God –  
OK in **char** – **lifestyle** change  
wo – caught – very act – neither do I  
condemn you

wo – flow of blood – transgressed  
law – yet healed

After **healed** – your faith made you  
whole

– it's your **sacri** – giving – fasting

**What you believe?**

**Good pict** of God - Worst situation  
– thrive

A young Jewish man, carpenter,  
Dan 11:31-33

**Matthew 21:5**

5 "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See,  
your king comes to you, gentle and  
riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of  
a donkey.'"

**Isaiah 42:2-3**

2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise  
his voice in the streets. 3 A bruised reed  
he will not break, and a smoldering  
wick he will not snuff out. In  
faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

**3. Look Up and you can Look out**

*Gen 13:14-15 ... look north and  
south, east and west. All the land that  
you see I will give to you and your  
offspring forever.*

Look up – able – see NSEW - **see** –  
God has something –  
**exceedingly abundantly above -  
imagine**

Vision of better job – business –  
deeper rel – better health

**Why is it important to see a  
good picture of what God  
wants to bless us with?**

**Guy – on vacation** – Hawaii – top  
of hill –

beautiful house overlooking ocean –  
palm trees – green grass – post card  
– in passing – I can't imagine  
staying in a place like that – sudden  
heard –

Don't worry – you never will  
**Astonished** – God is that you – yes –  
as long as you cant imagine it – it  
will not happen for you

I cant imagine having a **good** year in  
a econ like this – country like this  
I cant imagine – **healthy** – after what  
doc told me

**Cornie** – coffee – help them see the  
vision – complete healing

Sick – only tell **few** – stand in faith  
(otherwise – peo - this sin that sin)

Of course – tell **condition** to **doc** or  
pastor or a few – stand in faith  
– you need to not go around – telling  
everything – how bad your  
conditions is – you get sympathy but  
not the healing

I cant imagine – **rel** – work out

I cant imagine paying off house – out  
of debt – don't worry – you wont

How **see far wide??** - see **beauty**

**Head** not tail, **above** not beneath  
**Master** piece

**Not just** – teacher, homemaker,  
businessman – child

**Seeds** of greatness

**Victor**, not a victim –  
More than **conqueror**

**Best** year - business taking off

Times of **famine** - plenty

Don't let this **vision goal** **consume** you  
– not happy without -

Delight – happy – he will fulfill desire  
of your heart

Ephesians 5:16

Parable – man left to be crowned king  
– pass some money – 10 invest:

**Luke 19:13**

13 So he called ten of his servants,  
delivered to them ten minas, and said to  
them, '**Do business** till I come.' NKJV  
... *put this money to work (NIV)* ...  
*be occupied (KJV)* ... see what you

*can earn with this (TEV) ... invest  
(LB) ... buy and sell with this (AMP)*

What are the things Christ want us to do  
while waiting for His Coming?  
Many teaching – 2<sup>nd</sup> coming – not **bal**  
biblically

**Fut** – one day

**Anti Christ** – work of d – **REV** -look up  
– Christ in control – call to **reign** –  
prepare for the worst

Some teaching – don't enc – **work invest**  
and be **blessed** - the **present, focus only**  
**at the future**

One day – **SWEET** by and by – walk in  
that beautiful shore – streets of gold  
Some teaching – focus on the **work** of  
the **antichrist**

**Crisis** - extreme – building bomb  
shelters

Instead of from **glory** to glory – from  
problem to problem

Build **BOMB** shelters – convert money  
into **gold** silver good hide – prepare for  
the Armageddon – defensive – instead of  
offensive

Call to – invest – **business** - profession

**Great impacts** – great discoveries

Elaine's testimony – Cho

Guy accident – Cho – made him see –  
visualise - what he wants to do -

Others: healing – restoration - Malachi  
**Malachi 4:2 Healing and Health**  
**Malachi 4:5-6 Restoration of**  
**relationship**  
**Hag 2:6**

6 "This is what the LORD Almighty  
says: 'In a **little while** I will once more  
shake the heavens and the earth, the sea  
and the dry land.

7 and I will shake all nations, and they  
shall come to the Desire of All Nations,  
and I will fill this temple with glory,' says  
the LORD of hosts.<sup>8</sup>The silver is Mine,  
and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of  
hosts. NKJV

9 The new Temple will be more splendid  
than the old one, and there I will give my  
people prosperity and peace." The LORD  
Almighty has spoken. TEV

God is **accelerating** things in your life  
Water into wine – that which take  
months and years – **best** wine – 24  
hrs