

GOD IS EL ROI
(God Is __ Series, Part 3)
Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic
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El Roi, meaning “*The God Who Sees Me*,” is God’s name that is mentioned only once in the Bible. It was given by Hagar (*Gen. 16:13*) when she encountered an angel in the desert who told her that God had heard her distress and would bless her and her son, Ishmael. A reminder that when we feel invisible, abandoned, and/or insignificant, God sees us and cares for us. He sees everything and watches us all the time.



A. Knowing that God sees us, we should be encouraged to do the following:

1. Live by faith, not by sight.

God promised Abraham and Sarah that He would bless them with a child. Sarah who was impatient, anxious, and doubted God, gave Hagar, her slave, to Abraham who bore him a son. Out of jealousy, Sarah mistreated Hagar who fled to the desert.

Let us focus on our faith over what we see, hear, and feel. Our God, who knows everything has a plan for us and intends to fulfill His purpose in our life.

2. Fix our eyes on God.

Peter asked Jesus to let him walk on the water; Jesus said, “Come.” Peter’s faith made him walk, but when he lost his focus on Jesus, distracted by the wind and waves, he was terrified and began to sink. This teaches us the importance of fixing our eyes on Jesus, when faced with fear and doubt.

B. An Angel of God appeared to Hagar in the desert with a message that God heard and saw her affliction and named God “El Roi.” “The God Who Sees” emphasizes God's constant presence and involvement.

- 1. He Is Everywhere** (Ps. 139:7-9). He is omnipresent; He can see everything, not confined by space, distance, or time.

- 2. He Never sleeps** (Isa. 121). He is active and sees His work.
- 3. He Sees Before a Thing Happens** (Ps. 139:4); He sees our minds.
- 4. He Sees and Holds the Future** (Jer. 29:11); He has plans for all to prosper.
- 5. He Sees our Inner Person** (1 Sam. 16) - The Lord does not look at outward appearance but looks at the heart. He knows the secret of our hearts (Mt. 15:19), we cannot fool Him (Ps. 44:21), and nothing is hidden from His eyes (Heb. 4:13.)

The angel of God told Hagar to go back to her abusive situation and hostile environment, and worst, to submit herself to Sarah to prevent her from returning to Egypt (a symbolism of her old life). Her sufferings were necessary to fulfill God’s plan.

C. If God sees, why do we suffer? We suffer -

- to test our faith, build our confidence in God, and draw closer to Him.
- to shape our character to His likeness.
- to help us not to forget about who He is.
- to exercise our free will (freedom that could lead to wrong decisions).

Conclusion:

Knowing that God sees and knows everything assures us of our significance in His eyes, a powerful source of hope, comfort, and encouragement. El Roi reminds us that we are not alone in all seasons of our lives.

Reflection:

How would “El Roi” help you respond to sufferings, setbacks, detours, and pit stops?

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