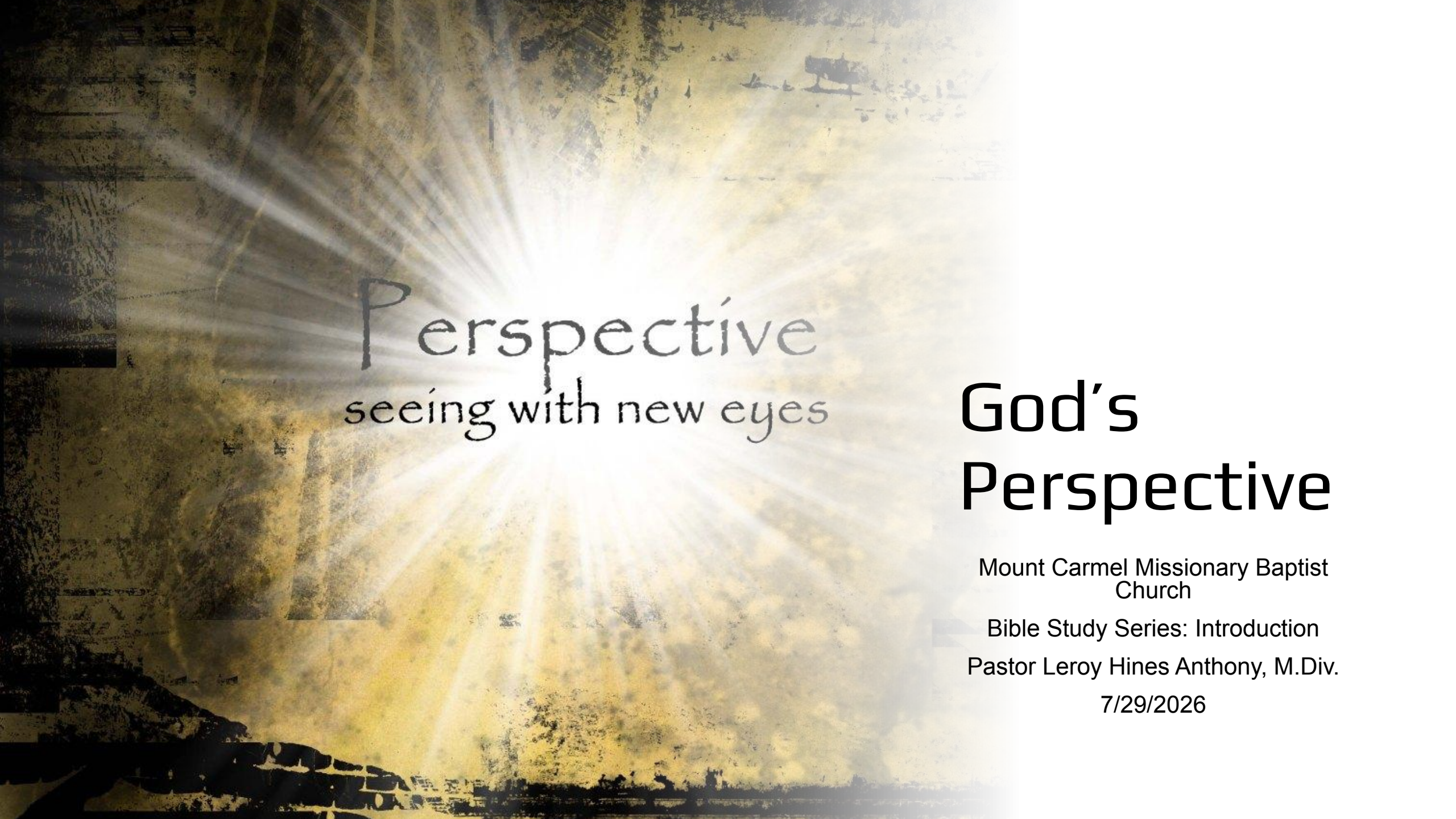




Perspective
seeing with new eyes

God's Perspective

Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist
Church

Bible Study Series: Introduction
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Context Scripture:

Ephesians 1:1-17

(KJV)

- V.1-12
 - Peace
 - Place (Heavenly, before God in Love)
 - Predestination
 - Pleasure (of Gods Will)
 - Praise (of the glory of Gods Grace)
 - Propitiation (v.7-The Blood, Forgiveness of Sin, by Gods Grace)
 - Prudence (v.8 ability to govern ourselves by reason)
 - Purpose (God's)
 - Put Together
 - Prosperity (v.11 – wealth preserved for previously prescribed purpose)
 - Praise (reciprocal from our awareness of God's Love towards Us)

Note: (**John 3:16**)

GOD'S DOING EXPOUNDED



Context Scripture:

Ephesians 1:1-17

(KJV)

- In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

{Christ Course}

- ¹⁴ Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

{Christ Covenant }

- ¹⁵ Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

{Christ Community Conduct}*

- ¹⁶ Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

{Christ Community Spiritual Conduct}



Lesson Text: Ephesians 1:17-19

- That the **God** of our Lord Jesus Christ, the **Father of glory**, may give unto you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:**
- ¹⁸ **The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints;**
- And what is **the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,**

**God's desire for the believer is that you know God's
Perspective!**

Discoveries from Ephesians

We Must Understand:

- That God transforms lives by enlightening the eyes of our hearts to see from God's perspective.
- Many believers suffer from "Blindness to God's Perspective".
- Paul suggest that this blindness is a "Spirituality Problem" and must be Spiritually cured by the means of Enlightenment.
 - *Enlightened (phōtizō): to illuminate, flood with light, or bring into clear view*

Enlightenment cures the "Blindness of the Seems-Like Syndrome".
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Acts 9:3-9

³ And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and **suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:**

⁴ And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

⁵ And he said, **Who art thou, Lord?** And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

⁶ And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

⁷ And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

{sound but no source}

⁸ **And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.**

⁹ **And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.**

Acts 22:6-11

⁶ And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, **suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.**

⁷ And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

⁸ And I answered, **Who art thou, Lord?** And he said unto me, I am Jesus ***of Nazareth***, whom thou persecutest.

⁹ **And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.**

{sound but no meaning}

¹⁰ And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

¹¹ And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

The Problem: Limited Human Perspective

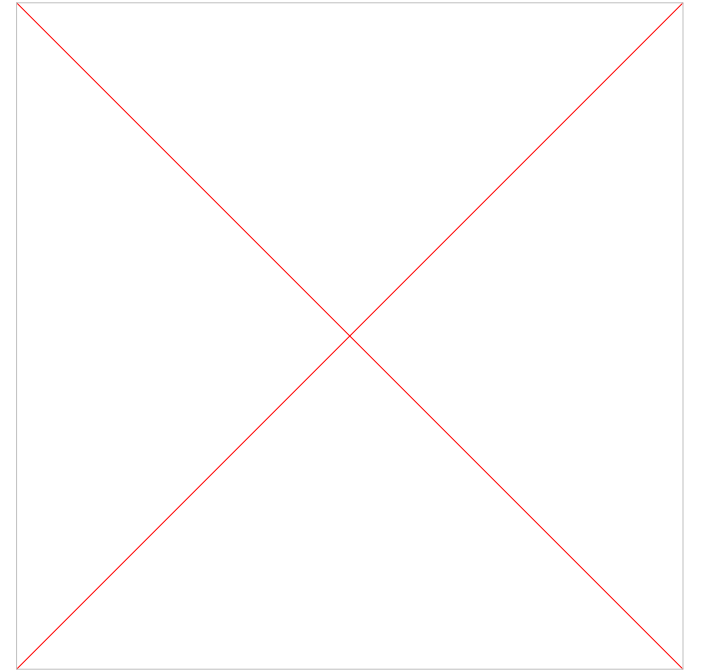
- **Proverbs 14:12** (KJV) “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

The ***Christian life is transformed*** when believers learn to exchange their limited perspective for God’s eternal perspective.

It is a move from simply
“**knowing about God**” to “**seeing life
from God’s point of view**”.

What's to know in God's Perspective

Ephesians 1:18



The hope of his calling

Hope (elpis): confident expectation rooted in God's Promises.

- Biblical hope is not wishful thinking

Calling (klēsis): divine invitation

- Our identity precedes our assignment.

God's calling is larger than our careers, titles, or accomplishments. Before God assigns us a task, He establishes our identity.

When we lose sight of God's calling, we become discouraged by temporary setbacks.

God's perspective reminds us that every season serves His eternal purpose.

The riches of
the glory of
his
inheritance
in the saints.

Many believers spend their lives focusing on what they lack while overlooking the immeasurable spiritual riches already given in Christ.

Paul shifts our attention from earthly possessions to heavenly inheritance.

Our inheritance includes:

- Adoption into God's family
- Forgiveness
- Access to God's presence
- The indwelling Holy Spirit
- Eternal life
- Participation in God's Kingdom

God's perspective changes our language from scarcity to abundance.

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“exceeding greatness” (hyperballon megethos) surpassing, incomparable, immeasurable greatness.

Power (dynamis) beyond measure.

Too often, believers pray as though they are waiting for God to become powerful.

Paul reminds us that God’s power is already at work in those who believe.

The issue is not God’s availability but
our awareness.

**God’s Perspective sees Power where
we see Problems.**