

# JESUS CORNER

## “EL ROI”

*The God who sees*

GENESIS 16:13



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### EL-ROI : THE GOD WHO SEES ME ( GENESIS 16:13)

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At the beginning of the year, the Lord gave me a different theme for this month's devotional. But suddenly, He interrupted that plan and impressed upon my heart a new message: El-Roi—The God Who Sees. I believe this message is timely, and it is for specific individuals who need to hear these words at this moment.

This month, we will explore the nature of God as El-Roi—the One who sees everything. We will look at a character in the Scripture - Hagar and speak to five different categories of people whom God has placed on my heart.

## INTRODUCTION: THE GOD WHO SEES

The name El-Roi was revealed in Genesis 16 when Hagar, an Egyptian slave, fled into the wilderness after being mistreated by Sarai. Alone, abandoned, and hopeless, she encountered God. In that moment, He spoke to her and reassured her of her future. Overwhelmed by this divine encounter, she called Him El-Roi—The God Who Sees Me (Genesis 16:13)

The truth is, God sees you. He sees your pain, your struggles, your silent tears, your battles, your service, and even the hidden motives of your heart. There is nothing beyond His gaze.

## THIS MESSAGE IS FOR FIVE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE.

### 1. To Those Who Feel Unloved, Rejected, and Betrayed

Are you someone who has been cast aside, looked down upon, unfairly treated by family, systems, or institutions? Have you been betrayed by the very people you trusted and loved? Do you feel unseen, forgotten, or like a misfit? God sees you.

Hagar, a mere servant, was cast out into the wilderness, left to survive on her own (Genesis 16:6-8). But El-Roi met her in her distress, proving that even when humans fail you, God will never abandon you.

The woman at the well (John 4:4-26) was also an outcast, yet Jesus sought her out. He saw her wounds, her loneliness, and her thirst for something more. Likewise, God sees your struggles, your silent cries at night, and the pain you don't speak about. You are not invisible to God- **GOD SEES YOU!**

### 2. To Those on the Brink of Giving Up

Life has been an uphill battle. You are tired. It seems like nothing is working. Others around you seem to be thriving while you feel stuck, defeated, and left behind. You are beginning to wonder if things will ever change. God sees you.

Gideon felt the same way. He was hiding in fear, believing himself to be the weakest and least significant, yet God called him a mighty warrior (Judges 6:12). God saw something in him that he did not see in himself.

God sees beyond your present circumstances. He sees the strength in you that you don't even recognize yet. Hold on—your story is not over - **GOD SEES YOU!**

### 3. To Those Haunted by Their Past Mistakes

Have you failed? Have you made decisions that still haunt you? Do you struggle to forgive yourself? Do you believe that God has forgiven you, yet you can't seem to move on? God sees you.

The woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11) was dragged before Jesus, humiliated and condemned by others. But what did Jesus do? He saw beyond her failure. He extended mercy and gave her a fresh start. "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

God's grace is greater than your worst mistake. His mercy is new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). It is time to forgive yourself and move forward - **GOD SEES YOU!**

### 4. To Those Who Serve God in Secret

You love Jesus with all your heart. You serve faithfully, you sacrifice, you give, and yet it seems like no one notices. You wonder if God even sees your labour of love. He does.

The widow who gave two small coins (Mark 12:41-44) seemed insignificant compared to the rich, yet Jesus noticed her. Why? Because God sees the heart, not the size of the gift.

To those who have given up worldly pleasures for the sake of the Gospel, to those who serve without recognition, to those who endure hardship for Christ—God sees your secret sacrifices, and He will reward you - **GOD SEES YOU!**

## 5. To Those Living in Hypocrisy and Compromise

This is a warning: God sees you too.

Many appear righteous on the outside but live in perpetual compromise—engaging in secret sins, gossip, slander, and unrighteous behaviour while holding positions in the church. You work for God, but you don't walk with Him. You confess Him as Saviour, but He is not Lord over your life. God sees.

Samson was chosen by God but played with sin until it destroyed him (Judges 16:1-21). Do not take God's grace for granted. It is time to repent before it is too late - **GOD SEES YOU!**

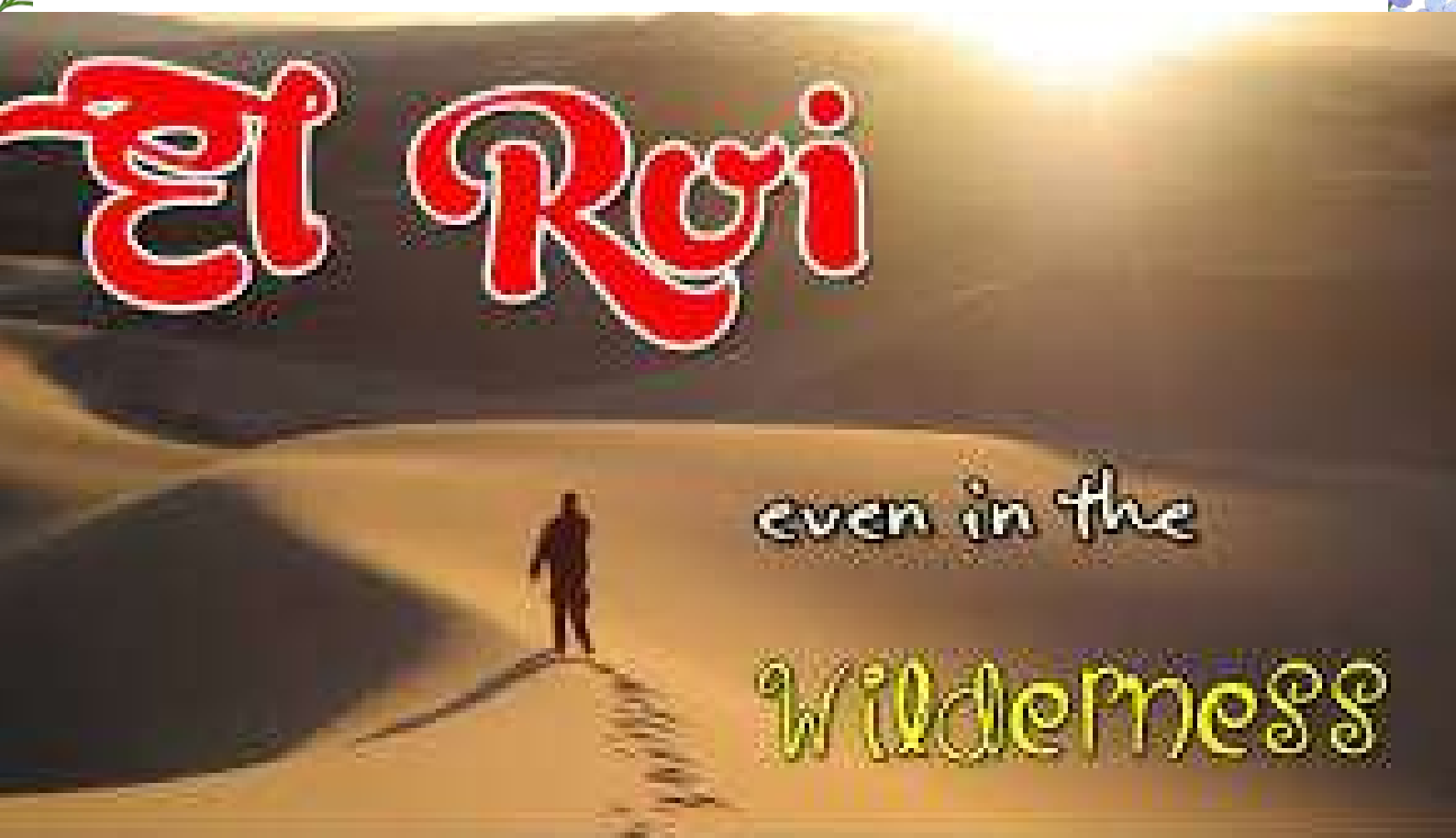
## CONCLUSION

One thing is clear: God sees everything. He sees your pain, your trials, your faithfulness, your struggles, your failures, and your hidden sins. He sees what no one else does.

**"For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." – 1 Samuel 16:7**

Are you living as though God does not see? Have you forgotten that His eyes are on you at all times?

- If you have been feeling forgotten—know that God sees you and has not abandoned you.
- If you are weary—know that God sees your struggle and will strengthen you.
- If you are haunted by the past—know that God sees your repentance and forgives you.
- If you are faithfully serving—know that God sees your labour and will reward you.
- If you are living in compromise—know that God sees, and He is calling you to repentance



## REFLECTION: HIS ALL SEEING EYES

As you meditate on this month's theme, El-Roi: The God Who Sees, you are reminded of how often we forget that God's eyes are always upon us. It is both comforting and convicting to know that nothing escapes His sight.

For those who feel unseen, this truth brings assurance—that we are not forgotten, no matter how invisible we may seem to the world. Hagar, abandoned in the wilderness, discovered that God saw her in her distress and came to her aid (Genesis 16:13). The same God sees you in your pain, your loneliness, and your rejection.

For those struggling with failure and past mistakes, God's all-seeing nature offers hope. He does not look upon us with condemnation but with an outstretched hand, ready to restore. The woman caught in adultery expected judgment, but instead, she received grace and a call to new life (John 8:1-11). If God sees our sins, He also sees our repentance, and His mercy is always greater than our failures.

For those who labour in secret, wondering if their sacrifices, prayers, and devotion matter, this truth is a reminder that nothing done for God goes unnoticed. He saw the widow's two small coins and valued them above the wealth of the rich (Mark 12:41-44). He sees the silent prayers, the unseen kindness, the acts of faithfulness that no one applauds.

But for those living in spiritual compromise, the reality that "God sees" should bring conviction. Samson played with sin, assuming he could still walk in God's power while living in disobedience, until the day he discovered the Lord had left him, and he did not even know it (Judges 16:20). Many today wear the outward form of godliness but lack true devotion. This is a warning: God sees, and He will not be mocked.

As you reflect on this, ask yourself: Do I truly live with the awareness that God sees everything? Not just my actions, but my thoughts, motives, and hidden struggles. If I knew that every moment of my life was playing before God's eyes, what would I change?

The eyes of El-Roi are not meant to terrify us but to draw us closer to Him. When we acknowledge that He sees, we walk with greater humility, integrity, and surrender. If there are areas of compromise, let us repent and return. If we are weary, let us rest in His presence. If we feel unseen, let us find comfort in His gaze.

This month, I choose to live as one who is fully seen by God—not hiding, not pretending, but standing in the light of His truth. Will you?

## PRAYER

Lord, open my eyes to see that You are watching over me—not as a harsh judge, but as a loving Father. Help me to live in the light of Your truth, knowing that nothing is hidden from You. Search me, cleanse me, and help me walk in a way that pleases You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

