



# How Are Things With God?

I am a people watcher. I find myself, especially in church, wondering or even imagining what a particular person experiences with God, if anything. Then I try to imagine how God sees that person. I am not at all certain that any of this is a worthwhile pursuit since it is in fact none of my business. But since I always offer a prayer for that person I hope it is not just a foolish waste of time.

My real concern might better be wondering how God sees *me*. But then I have some sense of that already because there have been some interesting revelations concerning that matter.

Jeremiah gives insight into my relationship with God, so I do not in fact have to wonder about how God views me. These words: "I will be your God and you will be my people (person), and I will remember your sins no more." With that I can quit being concerned about how things are between God and me. Things are just fine!

My spirit sings within me in response to that certitude. It might be saying too much to assume "God is in his heaven and all is right with the world." However, it is safe to say

that God is in my spirit and all is right with our relationship.

A part of spirituality is appreciating that it is God who should call the shots. When God speaks as through Jeremiah I am comforted beyond measure with the words “. . . and I will remember your sins no more.” With that piece in place I am free to live accordingly. My spirit soars because life’s biggest obstacle, my sinfulness, no longer gets in the way of living my life. What a tremendous spiritual gift. I am free to live as the Spirit directs me. My responsibility is that of listening to hear how that might be. Learning to receive God’s direct text messaging is a lesson in itself.

