

# **HOW TO EXAMINE YOUR FOCUS**

**(Part 1)**

**Psalm 73:1-14**

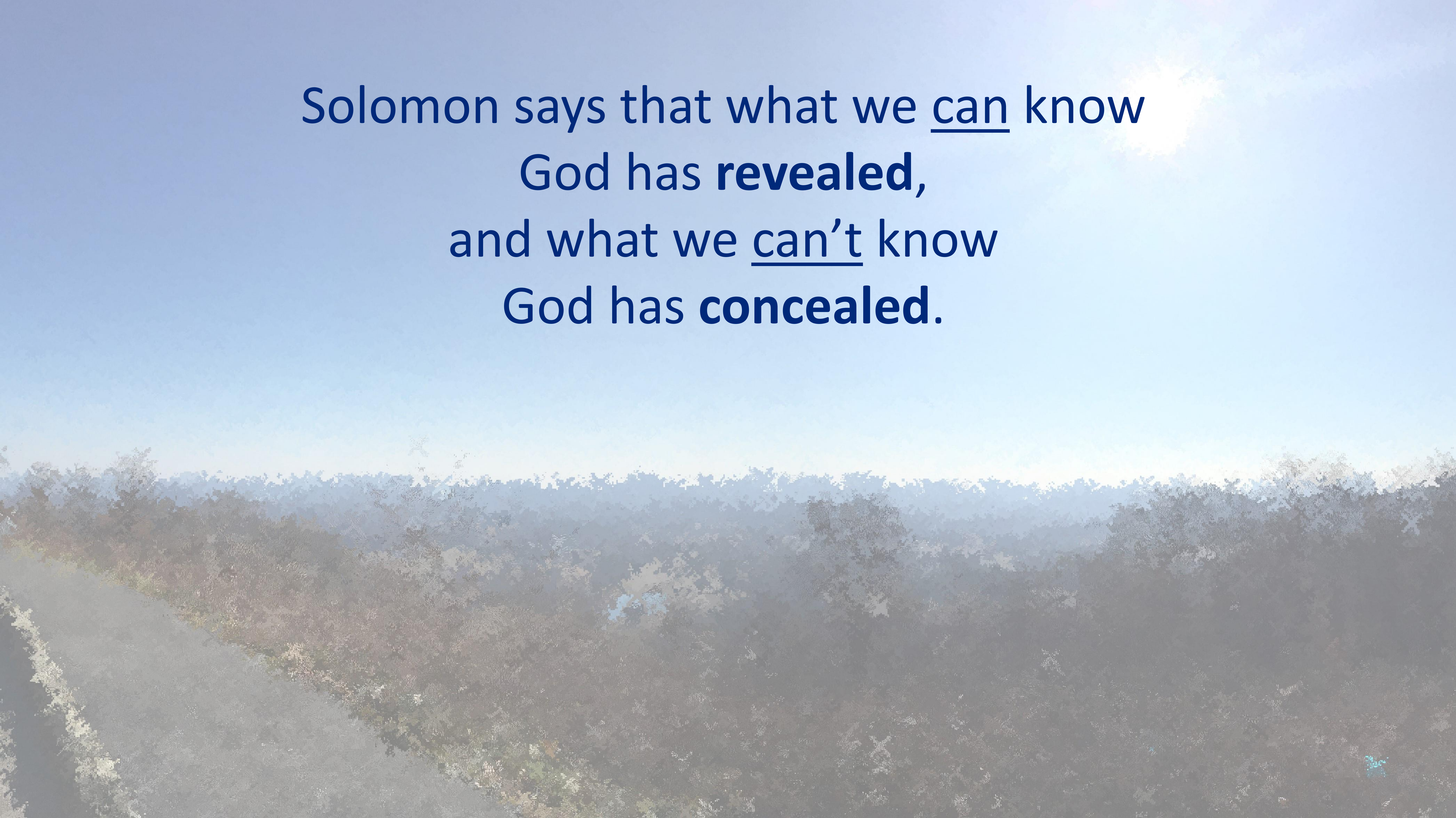


“God does make knowledge available to human beings, but to gain knowledge we must begin by listening to Him (Proverbs 1:7). We can come to know the world when our thinking is based on God’s revelation, found in the creation, to be sure, but also in the Bible.

Then we must know our limits. Our goal must be, not to gain a divine knowledge of reality, but to obtain a human knowledge sufficient to carry out whatever calling God has given each of us.”

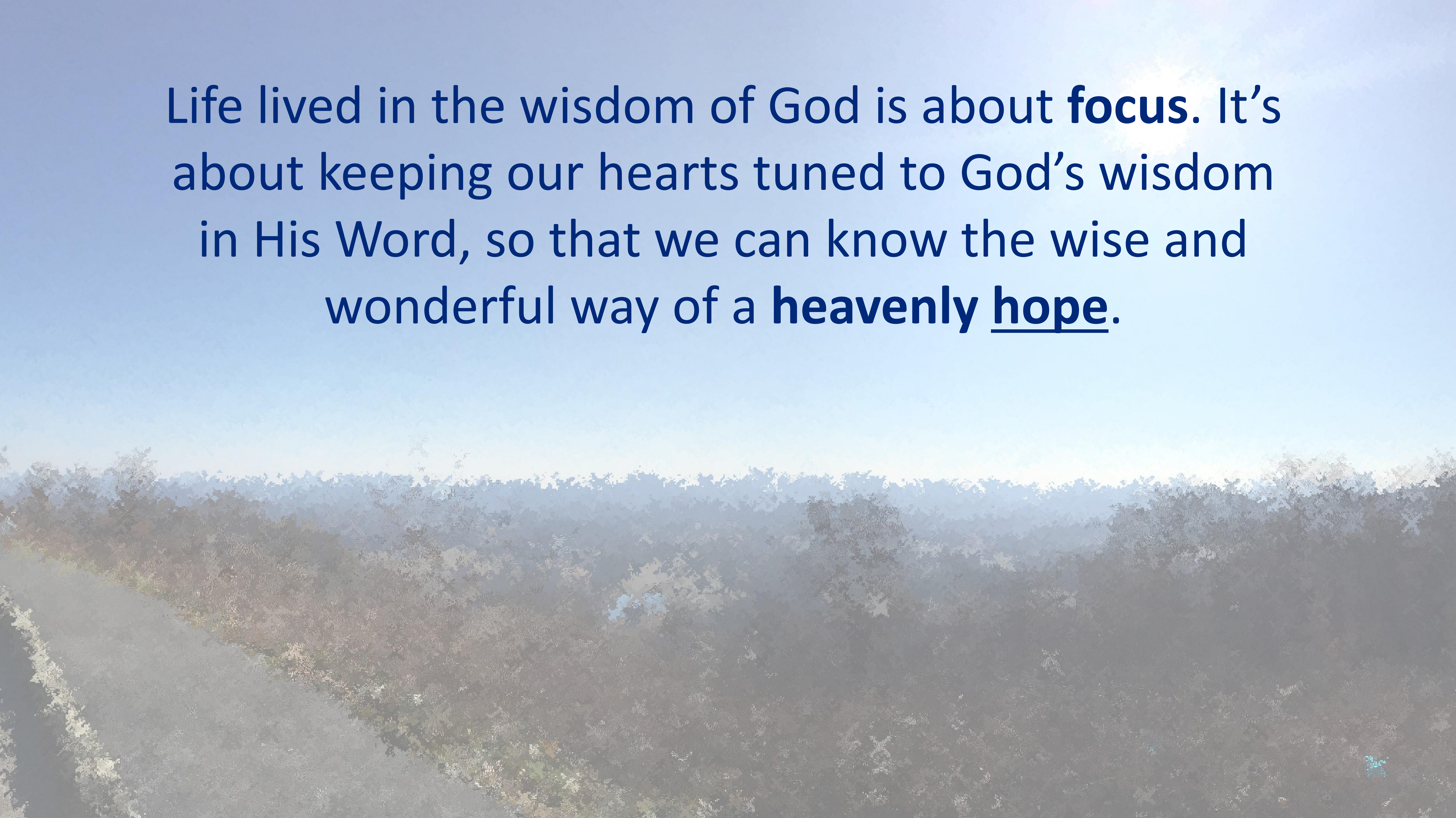
*John Frame*



A scenic landscape featuring a paved road on the left side, leading into a dense forest of trees. The sky is bright blue with a sun flare in the upper right corner. The text is overlaid on the sky portion of the image.

Solomon says that what we can know  
God has **revealed**,  
and what we can't know  
God has **concealed**.





Life lived in the wisdom of God is about **focus**. It's about keeping our hearts tuned to God's wisdom in His Word, so that we can know the wise and wonderful way of a **heavenly hope**.



- Jeremiah 12:3; 17:9-10
- Hebrews 4:12-13. This is why the Psalmist prayed...
- Psalm 139:23-24





Two ways this handicap shows up in our lives  
involve **self-favoring** and **deceitful desires**.





## Perplexity over the Prosperity of the Wicked

A. Their **Prosperity** (1-5)

B. Their **Pride** (6-9)

C. Their **Presumption** (10-14)

We are going to use Asaph's candid confession to help us determine where we have **fixed our eyes**, so that we gain a **godly focus** in responding to our own difficult circumstances and the injustices of life.



**Step 1: “Understand the power of your interpretations.”**





“God’s goodness is that He is the perfect sum, source, and standard (for Himself and His creatures) of that which is wholesome (conducive to well-being), virtuous, beneficial, and beautiful.”

*John MacArthur*



## **The danger of your wrong focus...**

- your focus on self,
- your focus on the wrongs, sins, and weaknesses of others in your life, and
- your focus on pursuing a priority on worldly things...

## **is that it will...**

- cause you to doubt the value of your personal holiness before God, and
- lead you to doubt and disbelieve in God as the highest good for your life.





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