

**Sermon Title:** The God Who Sees

**Main Point:** In our troubles we should keep calling on the Lord.

**Because:**

**1. Bad things happen if we don't trust the LORD**

- Prayer is trust
- Prayerlessness is faithlessness
- Prayerlessness hardens the heart (2a)

What happens when we lack that trust in the LORD:

- a. The world steps in to fill the void (2b).
- b. Worldly schemes frequently damage our relationships (4-6)
- c. Worldly schemes frequently blow up in our faces (5).

**We should keep calling on the Lord because:**

**2. The LORD does see, listen, and provide for the troubled**

Major Lesson of this section: "The Lord Sees"

- We only see "part of the picture" and are often merciless
- God sees the whole picture and is merciful

Christmas Connection: God saw and knew our greatest trouble and sent Christ

Applications:

1. For those who feel like outcasts:
  - God truly sees you
  - You need the church
2. For the church
  - Wait patiently for fruit
3. For everyone:
  - Don't give up prayer