



“God Sees”
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*“She (Tamar) is more righteous than I (Judah), inasmuch as I did not give her to my son Shelah.”
Genesis 38:26 (NASB)*

God Sees:

I. God Sees When You're _____.

And it came about at that time, that Judah departed from his brothers and visited a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua; and he took her and went in to her. So she conceived and bore a son and he named him Er. Then she conceived again and bore a son and named him Onan. She bore still another son and named him Shelah; and it was at Chezib that she bore him.

Genesis 38:1-5 (NASB)

II. God Sees What You _____.

Now Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD took his life. Then Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife, and perform your duty as a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother." Onan knew that the offspring would not be his; so when he went in to his brother's wife, he wasted his seed on the ground in order not to give offspring to his brother. But what he did was displeasing in the sight of the LORD; so He took his life also. Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up"; for he thought, "I am afraid that he too may die like his brothers." So Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

Genesis 38:6-11 (NASB)

III. God Sees When It's a _____.

Now after a considerable time Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and when the time of mourning was ended, Judah went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah (From Judges 14 – Samson's wife), he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. It was told to Tamar, "Behold, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep." So she removed her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gateway of Enaim (e-nA-im), which is on the road to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah had grown up, and she had not been given to him as a wife. When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, for she had covered her face. So he turned aside to her by the road, and said, "Here now, let me come in to you"; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?"

Genesis 38:12-16 (NASB)

IV. God Sees _____.

Now it was about three months later that Judah was informed, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the harlot, and behold, she is also with child by harlotry." Then Judah said, "Bring her out and let her be burned!" It was while she was being brought out that she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "I am with child by the man to whom these things belong." And she said, "Please examine and see, whose signet ring and cords and staff are these?" Judah recognized them, and said, "She is more righteous than I, inasmuch as I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not have relations with her again.

Genesis 38:24-26 (NASB)

Point: _____.

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. What parts of my life do I act as if God sees?
2. What are the parts of my life where I pretend that God does not see?
3. What would change in my life if I lived as if God sees it all?
4. When have I seen God protect me from or redeem my secret indiscretions and sinful decisions?

ANSWER KEY:

- I. God Sees When You're **ON THE ROAD.**
- II. God Sees What You **DO IN SECRET.**
- III. God Sees When It's **A ONE-TIME THING.**
- IV. God Sees **EVERYTHING.**

Point: **GOD SEES.**