

FINDING FLAWS



They're easy to see.

Especially in other people.

Especially in "religious" people.

But once we begin seeking God, our skill at finding flaws becomes a hindrance.

It blinds us.

It becomes a log in our eye.

So we turn away from the distraction of flaw-finding...

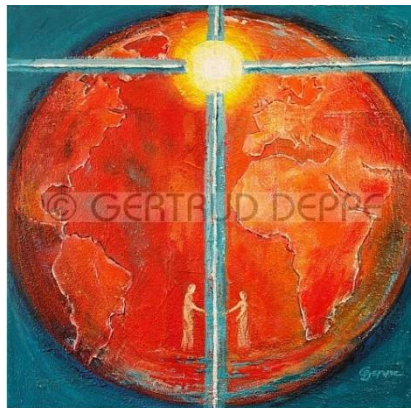
...and lift our eyes to the heavens, looking for help.

Seeking Truth that heals the mind.

If God held our flaws and sins against us, where would we be?

*He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

Psalm 103



The way is opened.

The barrier of our guilt has been removed.

All we need to do is draw near and receive new life.

For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:17)

Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

Behold him.

Draw near to him.

Follow his light.



Prayer: Yes Lord, help us to truly behold you as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, who came not to condemn, but to save, who removes transgressions. Convict us for finding flaws in others, for dwelling on their faults instead of seeing them covered by your mercy. Help us to rejoice that you remove transgressions as far as the east is from the west in those we find fault in. Help us to see our hard hearts as a hindrance to drawing near to you, as a hindrance to beholding you and dwelling in your presence. Help us to let go of our own guilt, as well as the judgment we place on others so that we may draw near and receive the light you have for us. Amen.

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