

Having and Using Spiritual Perspective

Scripture Reading: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-13*

A. **Perspective** — from the Latin *prospectus*, meaning “distant view.” It describes the ability to discern the relative importance of different objects and how they relate to one another.

B. Good perspective is useful in a variety of ways.

1. **Visual** perspective.
2. **Situational** perspective.
3. But what about **spiritual** perspective?

I. **Examples of people who lost the right perspective and became afraid or discouraged**

A. **Moses** (*Exodus 3:11,13; 4:1,10*)

B. **Elijah** (*1 Kings 19:9-18*)

C. **Job** (*Job 38-42:6*)

D. Other examples abound — **Jonah, Judas, Ananias and Sapphira**.

II. **What can we learn from the created beings of the spiritual realm?**

A. **Demons** (*Mark 1:21-24; 3:10-11; 5:1-7; James 2:19*)

B. **Angels** (*Luke 15; 1 Corinthians 10:13*)

III. **What can we learn from those who have passed from this life?**

A. The rich man and Lazarus (*Luke 16:19-31*)

B. So much will depend on our perspective! (*Rom 14:10-12; Eccl 3:9-11; Heb 12:1-3*)