

the fact to grasp. How can God have a personal interest in every single human being? How can He know the thoughts, intents, desires, feelings and <sup>or</sup> operations and disappointments of every one of ~~400~~ 4 billion people? Sixteen times as many people as the 200 million that <sup>is that</sup> cover this beautiful country of ours? Yet the Bible says that this is true. What is man? Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. † The Man par excellence of which this verse is true is of course the Lord Jesus Christ. But there is a very real sense in which it is true of all humanity. Peter declared in 2 Pet. 3:9 that God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to [knowledge of] ~~repentance~~ repentance. He declared in 1 Pet. 1:18-19 that those who believe in Christ are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without spot and without blemish. If you believe in Christ you can know according to 1 Pet. 2:9 that you have been chosen from before the foundation of the world to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His will that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. The Bible teaches that you are very important in God's sight.

A few aspects of life as we see it will show how important each of us is. Think of the body God has lent you. From the one viewpoint these bodies are ~~like~~ like the bodies of ants - the earth is covered with billions of them. We cannot even conceive the number. We can't even grasp the great number of people on this earth. Yet think of each individual one of them, and you find there is a system in which many ways surpasses anything that the most brilliant engineers have been able to construct. The human brain is far more complex than the greatest calculating machine that man has been able to devise. Think of the human eye. ~~Humbolt~~ <sup>Helmholtz</sup> (†) The Great German optician, said, that he could go to