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PREPARATION FOR THE DAY OF PRAYER
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In seminary we are studying about the things of the *Lord*. We are studying many facts of history, the meaning of many passages, many important subjects. We are looking at them to a great extent from an intellectual viewpoint, trying to crowd facts into our minds and think problems through. In our Christian lives it is good occasionally to stop and see exactly what it all means to us.

This morning I thought I'd take time to mention four specific looks we ought to take in connection with Thursday. Four matters that are of such importance that a day given to consideration of them can do so much good in our lives. It is worth our having in mind these purposes as we approach the day. These four looks.

First, we should take the time to look at God. We study about God, we learn about Him and His works. It is good to take a day off to look specifically at God. Many people say seeing is believing. In 2 Cor. 4:18 we read something that is quite different. "We fix our eyes not on what we see, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is ~~is~~ unseen is eternal." How easy it is to fix our eyes on the immediate things around us, things we see. Yet the Apostle tells us that most important things are not things visible. What do we mean: seeing is believing? By thinking if we can really see a thing that proves it. I don't think many of us realize what we mean when we say we see something. Where do you see it? If you shut your eyes you don't see it. If you open your eyes you think you do see it. But where do you see it? What do you mean? There's a picture that comes in through the right eye, and a picture that comes in thro the left eye. These two pictures are different. Especially if the thing is near you where the perspective is different. There may be a difference in the eyes. But you only see the one picture.