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One of the great fundamentals of the Christian gospel is that God is the Creator of ourselves and of everything around. He is the Creator of heaven and earth, as the phrase has it. Perhaps the most conspicuous feature of creation is its beauty. The sky, the stars, mountains, seascapes - beauty is everywhere. And that, of course, is why tourism is so popular. The world is a very beautiful place and reflects God's power and amazing care of detail. There is nothing too small for His knowledge and interest. Our lives are under His complete scrutiny.

In the Bible God has given us a knowledge of His character. We see then what He is like, the sort of things He values, and the sort of things He hates. As we read the Bible we like to think about His love, which is very clear. We like to think of Jesus as the Saviour and this is wonderfully true. In Jesus, God took our nature and lived a human life. He died for our sins. Through Him we are forgiven. There is no sin on your conscience that will not be forgiven if you turn back to God and ask Him to take you just as you are and forgive you. We love to think about the love of God and His love is amazing, forgiving us, helping us, caring for us, providing an eternal inheritance for us.

But in the Bible God tells us also that He is a living God, actively scrutinizing and assessing everything we do. This makes life very serious, we cannot get away with anything. Of course, we ought not to want to; but even if we do, we can't. God will bring everything into judgement and sometimes sooner than we expect. Just let me read a sentence or two from the Bible; "There is nothing in God's creation, that is not plain to Him. All things are naked and laid open before the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:13).