

Bible Thoughts

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“Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see Him?”

The title of this article is taken from Jeremiah 23:24. The verse reads as follows, “. . . ‘**Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?’ says the Lord; ‘Do I not fill heaven and earth?’ says the Lord.**” It is important to remember that God knows and sees all. The Psalmist states, “**Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?**” (Psalm 139:7) When Adam hid from God we read, “**Where are you?**” (Genesis 3:9) That question which was asked by God is not suggesting that Adam successfully hid. The question was addressed to Adam to cause him to reflect upon his present circumstance due to his poor choice of eating of the fruit that was forbidden. When Jonah was given the instruction to go to Nineveh to preach, he chose to flee in the opposite direction. God knew where Jonah was and anyone who has studied the book of Jonah knows the rest of that event. When Simon tried to buy the power of the Holy Spirit we read, “**You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.**” (Acts 8:21) From these three examples we clearly learn that God knows our actions, our whereabouts and our hearts. Let us briefly reflect upon some additional verses that confirms the omniscience of God.

Jeremiah 17:10

“I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.”

Jeremiah 32:19

“You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for Your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.”

Psalm 90:8

“You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.”

Psalm 139:1-4

“ For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.”

Proverbs 5:21

“For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He ponders all his paths.”

Proverbs 15:3

“The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the evil and the good.”

Hebrews 4:13

“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

So, as you and I are given the blessing of each new day, let us remember the clearly established fact that God knows our heart, our whereabouts, and our actions. Let us make it our aim to please Him. **“Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God.”** (1st Thessalonians 4:1)

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Rules For Happiness

Think constructively. Store useful thoughts in your mind.

Be grateful. Begin each day with a prayer of thanksgiving for all of your blessings.

Rule your moods. Your mental attitude is all-important in living in peace with others.

Work with the right motives. Seek to grow in favor with God and man, seeking His will first in your life.

Be interested in others. As we serve others, we reap happiness as a by-product of a life of self-giving.

Make the most of today. Use it wisely so you may look back on it without regret.

Give generously. Intelligent giving of your time, talents, personality, and money will bring great joy.

Cultivate a flexible disposition. Resist the tendency to want your own way. Try to see another person's point of view. Listen.

Live a simple life. Do not plan too many things for each day. Be temperate and moderate in your lifestyle.

Stay close to God. Enduring happiness depends on continuing spiritual nourishment. As God's children, we have His promise of constant love and care.

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