

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

GOD SEES AND KNOWS ALL

Hebrews 4:13 “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

Through modern technology it is more and more difficult to hide what you do. Security cameras record your activities even though you are often unaware they are doing so. Special computer programs exist that enable others to track virtually everything you do on your electronic devices. Chips are embedded in your car that enable those with the proper equipment to examine where you have driven, how many times you were over the speed limit, how many times you had to do a panic stop, etc.

The Psalmist writes in Psalm 139:1-4, “You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue You, LORD, know it completely.” Peter had to admit to Jesus, “Lord, You know everything.” (John 21:17)

One thing technology is not able to learn about you is what you think in the inner recesses of your mind. Would you want someone to find a way to uncover all of your thoughts, feelings, emotions, etc.? Not only are they private, but most likely some of them are not holy and pure. In the words of the Psalmist the Lord knows your thoughts from afar . . . is aware of all that you do. . .hears the words you speak before you ever speak them. God knows you completely.

This, of course means God knows all of the good things you do. He also knows all of the sins you commit. Thanks be to God, although God knows your sins, and you will have to give Him an account of all you have done, and you will die, and “. . .after that (you will) face judgment . . . Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.” (Hebrews 9:27-28) Though you have sinned much, His blood cleanses you of all of them. (1 John 1:7)

Prayer: You Lord search me and know me. How awesome and comforting it is that you are so intimately part of my life. Bless me with faith to trust in You for all my needs, especially for Your forgiveness of my sins. In Jesus' name. Amen.

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do Thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.
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