

There is No Need to Hide from God

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People are often intimidated when they consider that we cannot hide from God. This is likely because this truth is often used to scare us into behaving correctly and having pure thoughts. But the fact that we cannot hide from God means that we don't *need* to hide from God. There is so much peace in knowing that in a world of pretense, we can be totally honest with God. We may as well, because He already sees us and hears us.

Psalms 139:1-4

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up;

You understand my thought afar off.

*³You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.*

⁴For there is not a word on my tongue,

But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

God knows every tiny area of your life—your thoughts. What is the point of trying to hide from Him? To think we could deceive Him is ridiculous. Knowing that we don't *need* to put on any pretense with God brings such rest.

“Father, here I am, and You are here with me. You see me, You hear me, and You know me. I don't have to try to explain myself to You for You know me better than I know myself. So, I bring this all before You, not needing to explain, and ask You to give me wisdom and strength in this situation. I trust You will do it.

Psalm 139:5-6

*⁵ You have hedged me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.*

*⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain it.*

The imagery of being hedged in is as when a town has been surrounded, and it cannot escape. But in our case, it is for our protection. I like to see it as His arms surrounding me so that no enemy may harm me. His hand is upon us at all times to comfort and to guide.

Think about how wonderful this is: Jesus knows every detail about us and still loves us! He sees our imperfections as well as our good intentions. Even though we fall short, He protects us.

Psalm 139:1-4

*⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?*

*⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.*

*⁹ If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

*¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.*

*¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me,"
Even the night shall be light about me;*

*¹² Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day;
The darkness and the light are both alike to You.*

What's the point of hiding from God when we have the honor of His presence no matter where we go. Fleeing from Him is not an option and also such a great peace knowing we don't need to hide from Him. He is with us always.

Psalm 139:12-16

*¹³ For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.*

*¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well.*

*¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the
earth.*

*¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet
unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When as yet there were none of them.*

God has been aware of us from the moment we were conceived. He saw our formation. That child you remember that you used to be. God was there. That teenager who was questioning life– God was there. The decisions you made, both good and bad, He was there then also. He was involved in our lives before we were aware of them.

Psalms 139:17-18

*¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O
God!
How great is the sum of them!*

*¹⁸ If I should count them, they would be more in
number than the sand;
When I awake, I am still with You.*

These two verses should astound us. Not only does He hear us, see us, and know us. He THINKS about us. We are on His mind. He has *many* thoughts about us. Even when we sleep, He is thinking of us and giving to us. Think about that, remembering that His thoughts toward us are good. He is for us, not against us.

Psalms 127:2 AMP

*It is vain for you to rise early, To retire late, To eat
the bread of anxious labors– For He gives
[blessings] to His beloved even in his sleep.*