

“He Hideth My Soul”

There are a number of times when I find it difficult to think of something to write about in my weekly article in the NEWSLETTER. Those of you who read my articles probably have a hard time believing that, given the length of them. Still, it's true. Week after week, not repeating things I've already written becomes very difficult. Quite often, I write about things I need to hear, and repeating those things better helps me to see what God wants me to be.

There are many in this world who do things without thinking about the effect on their relationship with God. It is as if they think that if the things done are done in secret—out of the eyesight of someone else—God can't see them do those things either. The omniscience of God is not acknowledged.

When Eve sinned, it was as if she and Adam were truly alone in the garden and God could not see them. David was on his housetop when he saw and desired Bathsheba and shut up behind closed doors when he sinned with her. Judas was alone with the Jewish chief priests when he plotted to betray Jesus. Peter was with strangers, not his fellow apostles, when he denied knowing Jesus. There are lots of examples, but you get the idea. When doing those things – committing those sins—they never acknowledged the undeniable fact that God was watching and was aware of their actions.

David said in **Psalm 139:1-13**:

“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. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.”

We can't hide from God. But, He can and will hide us. David, the same one who acknowledged the omniscience of God, said this also:

Psalm 17:8: “Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.”

Psalm 27:5: “For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.”

Psalm 31:19-20: “How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you. In the shelter of your presence you hide them from all human intrigues; you keep them safe in your dwelling from accusing tongues. Rescue me from my enemies, Lord, for I hide myself in you.”

When we do something we shouldn't (or don't do something we know we should do), realize that God is right there to witness our actions. Maybe, just maybe, keeping that in mind will help us all to do God's will in our lives rather than our own.