

## **We Cannot Hide From God**

'Adam and Eve heard the voice of God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and they hid themselves from the presence of God among the trees of the garden, but the Lord God called to Adam and said, "Where are you?" Adam answered, "I heard the sound of You walking in the garden and I was afraid ... so I hid myself"' (Genesis 3:8 to 10).

'Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord' (Jonah 1:3). God knew where Jonah was all the time and had him tossed into the sea then after spending three days inside the stomach of a whale and suffering the effects of its digestion, Jonah cried out to God. 'Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God out of the fish's belly ... God spoke to the fish and it vomited out Jonah on dry land (Jonah 2:1 & 10). God had a job for Jonah to complete so He would not allow him to drown or be killed by sea creatures, instead God brought Jonah to repentance then rescued him. Soon afterwards, God reminded Jonah he had a job to do and this time Jonah obeyed. Jonah preached to the city of Nineveh, leading every person in that city to repentance and salvation (See the Book of Jonah).

Adam, Eve and Jonah all tried to hide themselves from the Lord. There is no possible way we can hide from God. He knows everything including the secrets within our heart (Psalm 44:21), He sees every secret thing we do (Psalm 90:8), He knows what we say (Matthew 6:6) and He knows our thoughts (Psalm 94:11). 'Lord, You have searched me and You know me. You know my sitting down and my rising up. You perceive my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. There is not a word on my tongue but behold, You know it altogether' (Psalm 139:1 to 4). 'Your Father knows what things you need before you ask Him' (Matthew 6:8). 'Our sins are not hidden from Him' (Psalm 69:5). 'The ways of mankind are before the eyes of the Lord. He examines all their paths' (Proverbs 5:21). "Can anyone hide himself in secret places so God will not see them? Do not I fill heaven and earth?" (Jeremiah 23:24). 'They told the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him Who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb"' (Revelation 6:16).

We cannot go anywhere, where God cannot see us. There is nowhere to hide from the eyes of God. We cannot hide our sins from God either. We need to face God when we sin, confess our sin to Him and allow His forgiveness to refresh us. 'I acknowledged my sin to You. I did not hide my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to God and You forgave the iniquity of my sin' (Psalm 32:5). 'Where could I go from Your Spirit? Where could I flee from Your presence? If I ascend up into heaven You are there. If I make my bed in Sheol, behold You are there' (Psalm 139:7 & 8). 'Though the wicked dig into Sheol, there My hand will take them and though they climb up to heaven, there I will bring them down. Though they hide themselves in the top of (Mount) Carmel, I will search and take them out there and though they be hid from My sight in the bottom of the sea, there I will command the serpent and it will bite them' (Amos 9:2 & 3).

Not even unborn babies are hidden from God. He knows about every embryo nine months before the baby is born and He knows every person before they are conceived. God is there at the conception of every baby and at that exact moment, before the potential baby has any form or shape, He gives the baby His Spirit of Life making that tiny human a living soul. 'Even the darkness does not hide from You but the night shines as the day. The darkness is like light to You. You formed my inmost being. You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that very well. My skeleton was not hidden from You when I was made in secret, woven together in the depths of the womb. Your eyes saw my body. All the days that were ordained for me were all written in Your Book of Life when as yet there were none of them' (Psalm 139:12 to 16). 'You do not know how the bones grow in the womb of the mother who is with child' (Ecclesiastes 11:5). 'The Lord your Redeemer made you and formed you from the womb' (Isaiah 44:2 & 24). 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you' (Jeremiah 1:5). 'I was given to You from my mother's womb. You are my God since my mother bore me' (Psalm 22:10). 'The Spirit of God has made me and the breath of the Almighty gives me life' (Job 33:4). When we fully realise every unborn infant is already known by God from before conception, it makes the crime of deliberate abortion more heinous. Every unborn child has the potential to become a thriving adult. Since it is illegal to kill an adult, it should be illegal to kill a defenceless unborn baby who has the potential to become an adult. That crime cannot be hidden from God and anyone who takes part in this terrible crime will have to face God on Judgement Day unless they genuinely repent of their sin and walk with God from then onwards.

People who live a life of secrecy, lies and crime are all seen by God and their behaviour will one day be exposed bringing fear to the criminal. 'We have made lies our refuge and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood ... As often as it passes through it will seize you, for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night and it will be nothing but terror' (Isaiah 28:15 & 19). So criminals be warned, one day God will expose and uncover your crimes and you will be brought to account. There is always someone who is

prepared to speak out. 'Do not curse the king (government leaders, police), no not in your thoughts and do not curse the wealthy even in your bedroom, for a bird of the sky may carry your voice and what has wings may tell the matter' (Ecclesiastes 10:20). 'There is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be made known. Whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light. What you have spoken in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops' (Luke 12:2 & 3).

People who sincerely walk with God have nothing to fear. 'Do not be afraid of them (wicked people) for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and there is nothing hidden that will not be made known' (Matthew 10:26). 'There is nothing hidden, except that it will be made known, nor was anything made secret but that it will come to light' (Mark 4:22). 'Nothing is hidden that will not be revealed, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light' (Luke 8:17). Absolutely nothing can be hidden from God. 'Some secret things belong to our God, but the things He has revealed belong to us and to our children forever so we may obey all the words of His law' (Deuteronomy 29:29). On Judgement Day, God will judge the secrets of all mankind according to the Gospels spoken by Jesus (Romans 2:16). 'God is able to establish you according to the Gospel and the preaching of Jesus, according to the revelation of the mystery (of salvation) which has been kept secret through long ages, but now is revealed and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known for obedience of faith to all the nations' (Romans 14:24 & 25). No matter where we go, nothing can hide us from God and nothing can separate us from His love of all mankind. 'In all our trials we are more than conquerors through God Who loved us. We know neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor evil powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Jesus our Lord' (Romans 8:37 to 39).

Amen and God bless you.

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