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The Inescapable Eye of God!

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-2, 23-24; 15:1-5; Romans 7:14-15; Jeremiah 18:1-6

God calls us to live holy lives and in this Psalm 15:1-5 is a guideline for living a blameless life, and it gives us ten standards to determine how we are doing. We live in the midst of evil people whose standards and morals are eroding. **Our standards for living do not come from our evil society, but from God.** As we grow in our relationship with our Redeemer, we develop a desire to live by His standards. The depth of our eternal relationship with Him can often be measured by the way we reflect His standards in our daily activities.

God is all-seeing, all-knowing, all-holy, all-present. God knows us. It is safe to trust God who made us and knows us. God is with us, and His greatest gift is to allow us to know Him. One of God's attributes that gives us a sense of security and bolsters faith is the fact that God knows everything. He knows the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). He also knows the future behavior of mankind.

Nothing can hide from God. He is aware of the existence and activities of every creature and even what people would have done under different circumstances. God is acutely aware of the sinful behaviors we have tried to keep secret; however, this wonderful truth should simply affirm to us that God loves us, is continually aware of us, and deserves our trust. The Adamic nature allows a person to will to do what is right, but it does not give us the power to actually do it. When we rely on the power of the Holy Ghost, we have the ability both to will and to do right (Philippians 2:13), but when we rely only upon our own human ability, though we can will, we cannot do.

David asked God to search for sin and point it out, even to the level of testing his thoughts. This is exploratory surgery for sin. **How are we to recognize sin unless God points it out?** Then when God shows us, we can repent and be forgiven, so that we can continue in God's everlasting way. **Why should we be less than open with a God who sees everything as transparent anyway?** We only deceive ourselves when we try to hide things from God, because He knows all things even when we try to mask them or cover them up with outward behavior.

We should invite God to examine, search, and completely know us and guide our steps in His way. Nothing good resided in our human nature, because it is marred by sin. **God's motivation for searching us, knowing us, and trying us has nothing to do with a desire to condemn, convict, sentence, and punish us.** Rather, it is all about His desire to bring us closer to Him in intimate relationship. Therefore, His omniscience is not the harsh glare of the interrogator's lamp, but it is the soft and direct glow of the surgeon's light. God searches us and tries us, but the result is a surgical procedure that leads to greater wholeness.

David' prayed that God would lead him. It was not enough that God would search, try, and know him, but he wanted God to lead him toward everlasting life. **We do not fully realize the revelation of the God who is all-knowing, nor does it influence our life until we apply it through submission to God's wisdom.** God, in His omniscience, knows the way better than we ever could. **When driving at night we are limited in our perspective of the journey to the distance our headlights can cast their beams.** God is able to see the end from the beginning and He knows every step we will take. He knows what lies ahead and He is ready to lead us in the way to everlasting life from the beginning of our journey to the end.

We can draw four conclusions from the revelation of the omniscience of God that we can readily apply to our lives. First, the omniscience of God should give us a sense of security. God knows every mistake we have ever or will ever make and yet He provided a way of salvation for us through the Atonement. Second, God's omniscience tells us that God knows all things and He knows what is best for us. Therefore, when God gives us a warning or direction, we should be extremely sensitive to that information and act accordingly. Third, we should take solace in the fact that God knows all things. He knows the negative situations that arise in our lives and He is there with us through each of them. Finally, we should take the omniscience of God seriously and live soberly before Him, realizing that all things are open to His eyes (Hebrews 4:13).

Spiritual formation can only transpire as God works in and on our lives!