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(#91) The Proverbs of Solomon 15:3- God Knows More Than "TSA" and "NSA"

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34 are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10), or simply Godgiven explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 15:3:

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

This is not saying God's "eyes" are everywhere, but they see "in every place" all the behaviors of mankind, both "the evil and the good." One thread throughout the Scriptures is that **God is Omniscient,** that is, He sees everything at all times. When "Big Brother's" TSA in airports and NSA in communications invade personal space as they do, how can anyone question God's complete knowledge of all that happens on the Earth? To say "God wound up the universe and then sat back and watched *From a Distance* (as a song used to teach, and Deists believe)" is a complete denial of the Word of God, which is a record of God's dealings with mankind since the Creation!

- In the Garden of Eden, after **Adam and Eve** sinned, they "hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden" (Genesis 3:8), but God called them out (Genesis 3:9-13).
- When **Abraham** proved his faith, but was stopped before he actually offered his son, Isaac, on the altar, and offered "a ram caught in a thicket" for a burnt offering "instead of his son," he "called the name of the place, The-LORD-will-provide" (Genesis 22:1-14).
- **Israelites** sinned while Moses was in Mount Sinai receiving God's Law, "And the LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiffnecked people!" (Exodus 32:9).
- **King Hezekiah** was "sick and near death" and God told His prophet, Isaiah, to say, "Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you" (2 Kings 20:5).

God can also see all that is done that is good. Upon completion of His Creation, "God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good" (Genesis 1:31). Upon Jonah's preaching "Repent or Perish," the King of Nineveh led his people in repentance, and, "Then God saw their works, that they turned

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from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it" (Jonah 3:10).

Other proverbs teach this:

- For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He ponders all his paths. (Proverbs 5:21)
- Hell and Destruction are before the LORD; so how much more the hearts of the sons of men. (Proverbs 15:11)
- The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the LORD has made them both. (Proverbs 20:12)

Since God created "the seeing eye" of humans, doesn't it follow that God is a "seeing" God? "He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?" (Psalm 94:9)

'Am I a God near at hand,' says the LORD, 'And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him? says the LORD; 'Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the LORD. (Jeremiah 23:23-24)

This major doctrine about God is summarized in the New Testament, for Jesus taught that our charitable deeds, prayers, and fasting, that are done in "secret" before God, and not for show "before men," would be seen by our "Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly" (Matthew 6:4,6,18). "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account" (Hebrews 4:13).

Since nothing is hidden from God, why hide our evils behind husband, wife, children, house, job, friends, nighttime, dim lights, doors, walls, or any other supposed barrier? God know these, our consciences know these, and more often than not, some other people know them as well. Truly:

Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later. Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden. (1 Timothy 5:24-25)

Let God cleanse your soul from hidden sins, and Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38)