

Spiritual Surveillance

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On any given day, the average American is being surveilled dozens of times by numerous groups and individuals. Each American is captured on security cameras 238 times a day. The average American is filmed 160 times a day while driving in their car, 40 times at their job, 24 times while shopping, and 14 times taking a walk through your neighborhood (Meloire, 2020). Since 2005, the National Security Administration (NSA) had been collecting all our texts, emails, and calls, sweeping them up in what is called metadata, and storing it on hard drives (Cohn, 2022).

If you use Google, Facebook, Twitter, Amazon, TikTok, or nearly any of the social sites, they are tracking your every move (Vigderman, 2022). We are clearly being watched through our phones, on the public streets, in our cars, on our computers, and some even in their home. The FBI, CIA, NSA, ATF, and IRS are tracking most of our information, sometimes legally and other times illegally. We are being surveilled.

Spiritual-Surveillance

I mention this because there is no a surveillance system out there which is more powerful than all these put together. This surveillance system not only sees everything you do online, on your websites, your emails, phone calls and monitors your conversations, but watches your entire life, both publicly and privately. It is called the Spiritual-Surveillance and is carried out by God. HIS technology can determine with a high rate of accuracy the thoughts of a person's mind. God's surveillance watches all of us 24/7, monitoring everything we do.

- Hebrews 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.
- Proverbs 5:21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, And He watches all his paths.
- Proverbs 15:3 "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Watching the evil and the good."

With Spiritual-Surveillance, God saw it all, including those websites you've been watching, the way you talked about your boss behind his back, that television commercial with the woman in the bathing suit!

Job asked in 31:4, "*Does He not see my ways and number all my steps?*" The answer to the question is ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY, WITHOUT A DOUBT, YES!!! He knows all that we do, all that we say and all that we think. If you are a child of God and believe what the Bible teaches, then you know God is not insignificant like the NSA surveillance, but a billion times more advanced. It doesn't matter if you are a Christian or not, for he sees all and knows all.

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- 2 Chronicles 16:9 “For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His...”
- Job 26:6 “Naked is Sheol before Him, And Abaddon has no covering.”
- Job 34:21 “For His eyes are upon the ways of a man, And He sees all his steps.”

Do you remember that heavy lady, the one that you thought negatively about when you saw her? Remember how you misjudged her in your heart? Hi Spiritual-Surveillance saw you from heaven. He also knows how hard she has struggled her whole life with over-eating. He knows her soul just like He knows your own, for He is always watching.

Do you remember that co-worker that you spoke bad about to the others last week? I bet you forgot that God heard what you said and He wasn't laughing, but saddened. He wants you to know that co-worker doesn't have a friend in this world and was hoping you might fix that by simply being a good ear to comfort.

Do you remember that guy that you cursed on the road when he cut you off in traffic? God was with you and heard all the choice words you had for that careless driver who just happened to be made in the likeness and image of God. Would have you reacted differently had you remembered the He is always watching?

- Psalm 119:168 "I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You."
- Jeremiah 16:17 “For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity concealed from My eyes."
- Jeremiah 32:19 "...whose eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, giving to everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds..."

Brothers and sisters, I do not write this in exemption, for we are all guilty of failing to remember that God is watching all of us all the time. It seems people are in great fear of the many humans who are tracking them. We should be more concerned about the fact that God is tracking us. He saw it all!

- Psalm 33:13-14 "The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; 14 From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth..."
- Psalm 121:4 He "...neither slumbers nor sleeps."
- Psalm 32:8 "I will counsel you with My eye upon you."

We should be concerned that all the media platforms, authority figures, and agencies are watching us. On the other hand, the information they have is nothing compared to what God has seen.

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Three times in Matthew 6, the hypocrite who lived a secret double-life in his charity, prayers and fastings never fooled God. Jesus said we are to carry these out as if before the all-seeing God "who sees what is done in secret" (4, 6 and 18). God can veer under the masks of men and women throughout the earth. He knows what you are thinking! Hosea reminded us in 7:2 "*Now their deeds are all around them; They are before My face.*" When we keep in mind that God has us on surveillance, then we will begin to keep His deeds and walk in His ways.

God is not nearly concerned about the outward man we portray in public worship, but the inward man of the private life. We never want to "outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness" (Matthew 23:28).

In Closing

The challenge this week is to completely hold in your mind this important attribute of God. Really focus on the fact that He is really watching us and knows our every move. Imbed deeply in our minds the biblical fact that He is omniscient at the core. If we will just really focus on this one quality of God, then I believe we will live a better life for Him.

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