

Confess! Nothing Is Hidden from God's Word! Hebrews 4:12-13; Proverbs 15:3; Psalms 12:6

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I. Historical Background and Biblical Context

1. Historical Background

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Confessing our sins is a necessary and godly practice that helps us to reorient our life to God and live in fellowship with other believers. When we confess our sins, we break our allegiance with the world and its standards. There is no use in trying to hide our sins for the Lord sees everything we do, good and bad. When we confess our sins to the Lord, He cleanses us from all unrighteousness through the blood of the Lamb. God reminds us that Christians have the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

2. Biblical Context

The word has a two-fold action. It not only strips off the false, but it unveils the truth. When we come to the place where, like Jacob, we are ready to take a good look at ourselves, then there is a wholesome healing. In the biblical account, Jacob fled from his brother's wrath after tricking him out of his birth right and went to live with relatives at Haran. During his journey, he received a special revelation from God. In Genesis 32:10, Jacob acknowledged the blessings that God had bestowed upon him and confessed that he was not worthy of the mercies and truth God had shown him.

II. The Lesson: Confess, Nothing is Hidden from God's Word!

1. Heb. 4:12-13.

God's word leads us to confess our sins. True change always begins with confession. It is not until we read and study the word that we realize just how sinful we really are. Most of us tend to think that "we are a good citizen, good friend or family member". Certainly, we have our faults, but until we study God's word, we are fooling ourselves. God's word tells us we are more sinful than we think or know.

God's word is living power! The word of God is not something left over or in the past or dead. It is active and penetrating. It is powerful and commanding. His word is sharper than any instrument of war. No matter how sharp a knife, sword or dagger one might have, the word of God cuts with even more precision as it reaches our innermost being. In a fight these weapons can cut between the bones. However, no tool of man can ever be as penetrating as the word of the Lord. The word of God is like that with our minds and spirits. It makes plain all the hidden parts of our lives.

God's love, plan and word cut deep into our lives. There are no desires, thoughts, plans or ideas that are not open to the Lord. There are no deeds that He does not know about and no place where we can go to hide from His love or His plan (Ps. 139:7-12). He will expose us, our sin and who we really are. We are naked before Him. God's eyes see man as he though he is unclothed, unable to hide behind leaves, excuses or pretense. Our lives are completely open to God, and He knows all there is to know about us. There can be no secrets hidden from God.

3. **Proverbs 15:3.**

“The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good”. Where can we hide and what can we hide from God’s sight. Nothing escapes God’s attention. His eyes watch everywhere, seeing all things. Mankind tends to think or assume he can hide things from God or that God might not notice when he sins. In truth, there is no hiding from God. When King David sinned by committing adultery with Bathsheba and having her husband murdered, he tried to cover his sins, but God saw them. He sent the prophet Nathan to confront David. Nathan boldly accused David of doing evil in the Lord’s sight (2 Sam. 12:9).

Early in the Christian church, Ananias and Sapphira assumed they could hide their sin of hypocrisy, but they were wrong. The Lord was aware of their deception and exposed it. Peter asked Ananias, “Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God” (Acts 5:4). Their sin cost Ananias and his wife their lives (Acts 5:5, 9-10).

God knows everything. He knows what the result of our actions will be. He watches good people so that He can protect them. He watches evil people so that He can punish them for their evil actions. In addition to God seeing our evil works, He also sees our good works. He does not miss a single prayer we make in secret. He seeks out those that love and obey Him, and He will strongly bless them.

The author tells us that everything about us was foreknown by God. Our very thoughts, the words of our mouth before spoken, the issues of the heart, the hairs on one’s head, the number of our days here on earth, who our parents were going to be, what our race or nationality would be, who our family would be, the color of our hair,

eyes, etc., were all known beforehand by God. By studying God's word, we can clearly see the evidence of God's sovereignty and His full foreknowledge of everything about mankind and the universe as a whole.

4. **Psalm 12:6.**

God's words are pure. This means that the word of God can be trusted in every sense. Unlike men's words that are often impure and unreliable, God's words are one hundred percent pure, sure and reliable! God's word is pure words of justice, mercy and faith. "Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. God's pure word always speaks of His goodness to us, in delivering us, shielding us and preserving us until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory" (Eph. 1:14). God's promises or word is pure, flawless and perfect like silver that has been refined seven times.

III. Conclusion

God knows the real you! He is omniscient (all-knowing). Confess what is in the heart and soul to Him because He already knows anyway. Nothing is hidden from God. The more we reveal to Him, the more God will reveal to us.