

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Ps 90:8 - "You have set our iniquities before You, / Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance."

Today we see that we have no excuse for our sins with God; no excuse that we can give will ever cover them up. This word for "sin" is "iniquity," and deals with the fact that we are actually guilty before God (not speaking of guilty feelings, but actually being guilty before the Judge of the Universe). God sees & hears every last sin; He knows the thoughts that we think and cherish. He knows all our sins just as if we spread them out before Him as cards on a table.

God even sees and knows our secret sins: those that we try to hide from others, God and try to hide from ourselves through self-deception. Self-deception is a reality, and some people who call themselves Christians think that all is find with sin as long as no one knows.

Hebrews 4:13 speaks to this: "And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account." There is no hiding anything from God.

But Hebrews 4 continues on with great news. We don't need to cover up. While God knows the very worst about us, He still loves us and sent His Son. We can approach God openly and honestly, but only on the merits of Jesus. This should encourage us to come to Him, rather than be frightened away from Him. So, God continues to give us encouragement to approach in Hebrew 4:14-16 - "Since then we have a Great High Priest [Jesus] Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." We can run to Jesus and find help no matter what the situation.

David prays and asks God in Psalm 19:12 to cleanse him from secret faults. That would be a very good prayer for us all to pray. May the Lord help us to turn from our secret faults and be cleansed from them.

The preacher, John Phillips, knew of another preacher who loved to preach sin & judgment. When this man was beginning one night, a woman in the crowd stood up and began speaking. She was newly saved, but had committed sin with his man a couple of years ago. The man thought that it would not be found out; it was all public now. God says in Deuteronomy - "you can be sure your sin will find you out. May the Lord helps us to keep turning from sin and trusting Jesus.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.