

God Sees God Knows

"...you alone know every human heart..."
1 Kings 8:39 NIV

Many of us have done things and thought things that we hope no one discovers.

I recall a person speaking to me who was being rather critical of my character. When he came up for air I jumped into the verbal assault on myself and said to the man, "I am so glad you know so little about me other wise I would be here listening to your criticisms for hours."

The poor fellow was speechless. He was unprepared for me to agree with him and assure him he was only scratching the surface of my bad character.

Usually when someone criticizes us we try to defend ourselves, not suggest that much more could be said of a negative sort.

What we need to keep in mind as believers is that God knows us thoroughly as sinners and still loves us dearly. No one knows us with the detail of our Father in heaven. He keeps on loving us regardless of our sin.

If Jesus could use such a tender loving word of greeting to Judas as calling him "Friend", do you not wonder what loving words He has for us who may fail Him in many ways but are seeking to honour Him?

We fall short so many times but we are trying to live for Him. Our intentions count for much in God's sight even when our actions have the graffiti of sin scrawled all over them. (2 Chronicles 6:7-9)

Today lament your failures, your sins, your broken promises—but listen for His words of acceptance just as you are.

The Saviour set His love on your from eternity. In Isaiah 43:1, 25 NIV we read, "But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine...I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.'"

If you have truly confessed

your sins to the Lord and have believed in your heart that Christ is risen from the dead, you are indeed beloved of God and He will never leave you or forsake you.

He shall chasten you for your sin (Hebrews 12:6), He will cause you to weep tears of repentance and when the rebuke has done its gracious work, He will receive you back into His favour, and give you wonderful assurances of His love and care for you.

Christian friend if you have grieved the Holy Spirit by sin, do not hesitate to run back to the One Who lived, died, and rose again for you. He gently reaches out toward you today to return and be blessed. Come home to Him and He will receive you just as the father received back his prodigal son (Luke 15:11-24).

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