

God Knows Where You Are

Psalm 139:1-24

Walk into any large shopping mall, bank, or government facility, and if you look toward the ceiling or in high corners, you will see cameras keeping constant vigil on the coming and going of people in the buildings. Being under constant surveillance can be a bit unsettling at times. However, it has become necessary in our security-challenged world.

A surveillance of another kind, however, isn't unsettling. It's the kind David wrote about in Psalm 139:2,3—God's careful watch over us.

**You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.**

In verse 5, David declared, "You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me." Here David referred to a familiar military strategy in his day. Soldiers would surround a city and keep constant watch over every entrance and exit. No one could come or go without notice. And while, unlike soldiers, God's desire is only to watch over and protect us, He hems us in the same way.

As the psalm progresses, David declared that there is no place we can go—in the heavens, the depths of the earth, or across the oceans—where God cannot see us. Even the blackest darkness cannot hide us from Him. His pinpoint surveillance is everywhere.

God knows where you are right now. He knows the circumstances you are facing. He sees when you are lonely and afraid. And He is with you. Wherever you might be, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, God knows exactly where you are. And He is there for you to provide the help and assurance you need today.

How do you feel about God's constant surveillance of your life?

How will knowing God is always aware of our thoughts, attitudes, and actions affect our relationships with Him and others?