

The Eyes of the Lord

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. . . .—II Chronicles 16:9

God uses anthropomorphism, the designation of human characteristics or behavior to himself, so that we can understand more about Him. He wants us to know Him better and has chosen to refer to His eyes and to His *sight*.

When we think of the eyes of God, we understand that He sees everything on the whole earth. He is aware of what is happening to those imprisoned for their faith. He sees the distress of those who are losing their businesses because they refuse to compromise Biblical principles. God knows when a child strays from his parents' Biblical teachings. He even sees the things we think "no one will ever know". He also sees the faithfulness of the saint who shares hope from the word of God. He sees the willingness of a believer to take time from their busy schedule to help a brother in need.

I Peter 3:12 tells us "The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the LORD is against them that do evil." God not only knows who is righteous but He is watching them and answering their prayers. Psalm 33:18 assures us that "Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in His mercy."

He carefully considers the ways we go. Proverbs 5:21 proclaims, "For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He pondereth all his goings." God sees man's actions and He knows what has come before those actions. He knows the causes and the circumstances. He also knows the consequences of each action. Our actions are under God's constant inspection.

"God governs the world in infinite wisdom, and the creatures, and all their actions, are continually under His eye."—Matthew Henry.