

Num 32:20-23

20 And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war, 21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, 22 And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. 23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: ***and be sure your sin will find you out.***

Your Sins Will Find You Out

Adam and Eve-

Gen 3:8-10

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; **and I hid myself. God knew. God always knows.**

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Cain and Abel-

Gen 4:8-9

And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: **Am I my brother's keeper?**

God knew. God always knows.

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David-

We might also remember the story of David and his sin with Bathsheba. Though he was not looking for an opportunity to sin, David's lust for Bathsheba led him to send and inquire about her after he by chance saw her bathing from his rooftop (2nd Sam. 11:2, 3). Even after learning she was already married, he had her brought to him and he committed the act of sexual immorality with her and caused her to conceive a child (vv. 4, 5). This was just the beginning of David's sinning in regard to Bathsheba.

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David tried to cover up the sin by recalling her husband Uriah from the field in hopes he would be intimate with Bathsheba and make it appear he was its father, but Uriah did not, out of respect for the soldiers still in the field (**vv. 6-11**). David then got Uriah drunk with the same intention of having him be with his wife, but Uriah still did not go to his house (**vv. 12, 13**). David then arranged to have Uriah sent to the battle front and placed in the heat of battle while others withdrew, sending him to certain death, and it was done and, sadly, it was successful in the sense of David's will was accomplished and Uriah was killed (**vv. 14-17**). David must have thought that his misdeed was now behind him and unknown to anyone but him. He was wrong.

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The Lord sent the prophet Nathan to David, and Nathan told David [who was once a shepherd] the story of a poor man who *“had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children,”* and a rich man who *“had exceedingly many flocks and herds”* (2^{nds} **Sam. 12:1-3**). It happened that, once, when the rich man had a visitor, the rich man *“refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him”* (v. 4).

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This angered David, to the point he told Nathan, *“As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity”* (vv. 5, 6). It was to this Nathan replied, *“You are the man!”* and then revealed to David that the Lord knew all he had done in the sin with Bathsheba, taking the wife of Uriah while he already had multiple wives and had been blessed with abundance, and foretold of the troubles that would come on his house because of his sin (vv. 7-12). Again, God knew. God always knows.

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Acts 5:1-4

5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,² And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.³ But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. **God knew. God always knows.**

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Aaron-

Jonah-

Achan-

Peter-



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It should be abundantly clear by this point that there is no hiding our sins from God. In fact, men are warned throughout the Scriptures of this self-deceiving line that God does not see. The psalmist wrote of a time when he envied the wicked who did whatever they wanted and seemed to be suffering no ill consequences, but rather prospered, and who would say to themselves and to anyone who might dare chastise them, *“How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?”* (**Psa. 73:11**). But even he realized the foolishness of that boast and the foolishness of his own envy, later declaring that he envied them *“Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end”* (**v. 17**). God knew and God saw. God ***always*** knows.

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The psalmist would also write of those who abounded in their evil and who would then boast, “*The Lord does not see, nor does the God of Jacob understand*” (**Psa. 94:3-7**). He would answer their boast, writing, “*He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?*” and, “*The Lord knows the thoughts of man*” (**vv. 8-11**). Yes, God saw and understood. God *always* knows.

Isaiah, too, would warn the wicked who would indulge with the false notion that God would not know of their evil deeds; to them he would write, “*Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord, and their works are in the dark; they say, ‘Who sees us?’ and, ‘Who knows us?’*” (**Isa. 29:15**). He would point out their foolishness, asking, “*shall the thing made say of him who made it, ‘He did not make me’? Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it, ‘He has no understanding’?*” (**v. 16**). Indeed, God understood. God *always* knows.

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The reality is, God *always* knows. While it may not be revealed here on earth while we live or while everything still exists, it will most certainly be revealed in the final Judgment. The wise writer reminds us, “*God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil*” (**Eccl. 12:14**). Paul also reminds us, “*we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad*” (**2nd Cor. 5:10**), and further reminds it is then “*the Lord...will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men’s hearts*” (**1st Cor. 4:5**). Yes, even our *motives* are known to God. Again, God *always* knows.