Coronavirus Social Distancing Daily Devotion #49

He Knows What Is In Your Heart

**Matthew 9:3-4 (NASB)** “*And some of the scribes said to themselves, "This fellow blasphemes." 4  And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, ‘Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?’”*

I read an article on Computer Business Reviews website that Wuhan, China has introduced a contactless fever detection system. Here is a clip from that article:

“Chinese public transport infrastructure will soon be equipped with thermal imaging cameras that can take temperatures remotely — with public authorities able to match the data with facial recognition systems, to build a comprehensive COVID-19 detection and tracking system in Wuhan.”

I also understand that the software silently triggers an alarm if the temperature of the person being scanned is above 37 degrees Celsius. What that means is those in authority have the ability to know something about a person that is normally very personal and unknown to anyone around them.

What if there was a comprehensive detection system of your heart? I’m not talking about how well it is ticking but what it is thinking. Imagine if you were in a store, and as you shopped there were cameras that read your heart and displayed what you were thinking to the people around you? Or suppose you are driving in your car and someone cuts you off and the detection system was reading your heart and told the person in the car who cut you off what you were thinking? Or imagine a system that could read your heart and display your thoughts when you looked at someone while you were having illicit thoughts about them?

The truth is, there is a system like that. But its not a system, it is the Lord Jesus Christ. He has the ability to know everything that happens in your heart all the time. There is never a moment when He is not fully aware of your deepest motives or your deepest intentions or your deepest fantasies both good and bad.

Sadly, we live our days thinking no one really knows what is going on inside of us. We become really good at faking our way through life so that everyone around us thinks all is well. But I wonder what the Lord sees? I wonder what He would say to your friends or even your spouse or children or parents, boss, coworker about what you really think and feel about them?

When the scribes saw the work of Jesus when He healed the paralytic, they didn’t rejoice. There got more jealous. The hated Jesus more than ever. And they thought they could simply talk their way through it without Him knowing what they were thinking. But He did know. And He questioned them. Can you imagine being in their shoes at that moment? Wouldn’t you love to be a fly on the wall, to use the phrase, and see their facial expressions?

Again beloved, the truth is, Jesus sees your heart and what you really dwell on every moment. He knows the deepest things about you that you wouldn’t tell even the closest person you know. I wonder what your reaction would be if Jesus were to audibly say to everyone around you, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts”? Or when you have sexual temptations about someone and He said loudly, “Why are you lusting after that man or woman?” and everyone heard Him ask you?

Thankfully, our Lord is not like that. Thankfully, He works in us privately to expose the deep things of our soul, not so He knows, but so we know He knows. Aren’t you thankful for a God who knows the disgusting things about you and all that dwells in your heart, yet still loves you?

What He really wants is for you to change your heart and let Him help you. He wants to change your heart so that your thoughts are always thinking about what it pure and holy and true. But He also wants you to be a part of that change. Won’t you let Him show you what He knows about you and then let Him help you change what needs to be changed? The cleansing power of Jesus is wonderful.