

God Is Not Far Away

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The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry (Psalm 34:15). We know from Psalm 139 that there is nowhere that God is not. Therefore, that would mean that He is where He can see the righteous. But this is more than just about being able to see. It is more like being able to see *about*; to take care of. God takes care of His own. It may not always seem like it; it may seem like He is nowhere to be found, but God is there, waiting for you to turn to Him. No matter what happens to you, He is standing at your elbow, waiting for you to turn to Him.

I began this note with a quote from Psalm 34. Notice the verses 16-18: *The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* Sometimes we feel crushed in spirit. Today, you may be brokenhearted. God is nearby. If you cry, He will hear and He will deliver you out of all your troubles.

In verse 22, the psalmist says: *The Lord redeems the soul of His servants; and none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.* What really do we have to fear? Is it a fellow worker on your job, or your boss that is giving you such worry? Is it a neighbor or a friend at school? It doesn't make any difference; God is looking out for you. He's not far away.

God is standing, looking at you with His arms outstretched, saying, *"Come to Me...I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28). Are you going to come? Or are you going to stay away from the Only True Source of comfort...Jehovah God?

When you walk out your door this morning to whatever life has in store for you, God goes with you. He will not leave you. If you do something or go somewhere you should not, He will go with you and see every sin you commit, but at the same time, He will always be ready to help you and give you the grace you need to get you through in time of need, if you will only come to Him in humble obedience with a penitent heart (Hebrews 4:15, 16). God is always nearby. You are not alone!