

SERMON NOTES:

Series: Hide & Seek | Part 3: The Easy Way or the Hard Way

Running away from God is found in any attempt or act of disobeying His Word.

Hiding from God is found anytime we pretend he does not see us.

Luke 12:6-7 (NLT)

⁶“What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. ⁷And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.”

Luke 12:2-3 (NLT)

²The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. ³Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear!

Matthew 12:36 (NLT)

³⁶And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak.

Psalms 56:8 (NLT)

⁸You keep track of all my sorrows.
You have collected all my tears in your bottle.
You have recorded each one in your book.

Psalms 37:23 (NLT)

²³The Lord directs the steps of the godly.
He delights in every detail of their lives.

God cares about the details of our lives.

Jonah 1:1-3 (NLT)

¹ The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: ²“Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.”

³ But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish.

Jeremiah 23:24 (NLT)

²⁴Can anyone hide from me in a secret place?
Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?”
says the Lord.

Psalm 139:1-12 (NLT)

¹ O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
² You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
³ You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.
⁴ You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.
⁵ You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!

⁷ I can never escape from your Spirit!
I can never get away from your presence!
⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there;
if I go down to the grave, you are there.
⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning,
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
and your strength will support me.
¹¹ I could ask the darkness to hide me
and the light around me to become night—
¹² but even in darkness I cannot hide from you.
To you the night shines as bright as day.
Darkness and light are the same to you.

God disciplines those he loves.

Hebrews 12:5-6,11 (NLT)

⁵ And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said,
“My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline,
and don't give up when he corrects you.
⁶ For the Lord disciplines those he loves,
and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.”

¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful
harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

Each one of us chooses whether to have God's hand for us or against us.

You don't have to run and hide from God – you can learn to run to Him!

Psalm 91:1-2 (NLT)

¹Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

²This I declare about the Lord:

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.

Proverbs 18:10 (NLT)

¹⁰The name of the Lord is a strong fortress;
the godly run to him and are safe.

John 9:31 (NLT)

³¹We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will.

Proverbs 16:20 (Living Bible)

²⁰God blesses those who obey him; happy the man who puts his trust in the Lord.