

# Ezekiel 11:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.

## Analysis

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God declares: "I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them." The Hebrew *yada* (יָדָע, "know") indicates intimate, comprehensive knowledge. Nothing escapes divine omniscience—thoughts, motives, and secret counsels all lie open before God (Hebrews 4:13). This knowledge isn't merely informational but judicial; God judges not just actions but heart attitudes. The phrase warns against hypocrisy that maintains external conformity while harboring inward rebellion. Jesus similarly condemned Pharisees whose hearts contradicted their religious performances (Matthew 23:25-28). The Reformed emphasis on God's exhaustive knowledge undergirds both the comfort of providence and the terror of judgment.

## Historical Context

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Ezekiel prophesied against Jerusalem's leaders (592 BC) who plotted political alliances with Egypt rather than trusting God. These princes thought their secret counsels were hidden, but God revealed their inner thoughts to Ezekiel. The leaders' false confidence despite impending judgment exemplifies the self-deception of hardened hearts. Archaeological discoveries including the Lachish letters reveal the political intrigues of this period as Judah's leaders sought survival through alliances rather than repentance. God's declaration of

omniscience exposed their folly and warned that no conspiracy could succeed against divine purposes.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's perfect knowledge of our thoughts challenge our tendency toward secret sins and hidden compromises?
2. What comfort does divine omniscience provide for believers trusting in God's providential care?

## Interlinear Text

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אֵל י	אָמַרְתֶּם	יְהוָה	רוּחְכֶם	עָלַי	וַתִּפֹּל ל
H413	H559	H3068	H7307	H5921	H5307
	Thus have ye said	of the LORD	And the Spirit	fell	
אָמַרְתֶּם	כֹּה	אָמַרְתֶּם	יְהוָה	יְיָ	אָמַרְתֶּם
H559	H3541	H559	H3068	H3651	H559
Thus have ye said	Thus have ye said	of the LORD	Thus have ye said		
יִדְעֵתִיָּהּ:	אֲנִי	רוּחְכֶם	וּמַעַל וְת	יִשְׂרָאֵל	בֵּית
H3045	H589	H7307	H4609	H3478	H1004
for I know	And the Spirit	the things that come	of Israel	O house	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 17:10** (References Lord): I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

**Ezekiel 2:2** (Spirit): And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

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