

Hebrews 4:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Analysis

This verse grounds the warning in divine omniscience. Nothing is 'hidden' (Greek 'aphanes') or 'uncovered' (Greek 'gumnos' - naked) from God's sight. The phrase 'to whom we must give account' (Greek 'logos' - word/account) emphasizes accountability. Reformed theology's emphasis on God's sovereignty includes His comprehensive knowledge - He sees not just actions but thoughts and motives, making evasion impossible. This should produce both holy fear and worship.

Historical Context

Jewish thought emphasized God's omniscience (Psalm 139, Proverbs 15:3). The author applies this to motivate perseverance - you cannot deceive God about the state of your heart, so genuine faith is essential.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's complete knowledge of you affect your prayer life and self-examination?
2. What comfort and what challenge does divine omniscience provide?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	οὐκ	ἔστιν	κτίσις	ἀφανὴς	ἐνώπιον	αὐτοῦ
Neither	G3756	is there	any creature	that is not manifest	sight	in his
G2532		G2076	G2937	G852	G1799	G846
πάντα	δὲ	γυμνὰ	καὶ	τετραχηλισμένα	τοῖς	όφθαλμοῖς
all things	but	are naked	Neither	opened	G3588	unto the eyes
G3956	G1161	G1131	G2532	G5136		G3788
αὐτοῦ	πρὸς	οὐν	ἡμῖν	ό	λόγος	
in his	with	whom	we have	G3588	to do	
G846	G4314	G3739	G2254		G3056	

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 4:5 (Parallel theme): Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Proverbs 15:3 (Parallel theme): The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 (Parallel theme): For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

1 Samuel 16:7 (Parallel theme): But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Jeremiah 17:10 (Parallel theme): 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.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (Parallel theme): For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Job 34:21 (Parallel theme): For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

Proverbs 15:11 (Parallel theme): Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

Romans 2:16 (Parallel theme): In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Psalms 44:21 (Parallel theme): Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.