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God Hears You

Over the years my boy has surprised me with his questions about God. He has such a wonderful inquisitive nature that is always searching for answers. It is a good thing to have questions about things. God is never afraid of our questions. One night when I was putting him to bed Harrison asked me if God was in heaven. At first I said, "Yes, the Lord is in heaven." But I didn't want him to think that God was only there. So, I said "Son, God is everywhere all the time."

The scripture I used was Psalm 139:7-10 which says "*Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.*"

I went on to say "even though God is in heaven, He isn't only in heaven. He is also here right now with us." Harrison's eyes got really big as he said "He's here, right now, in my room?!" I laughed at how his little mind was discovering God. It's a shame that most believers have never realized this same truth that Harrison was finding out, that God is with us all the time. We may know that truth but most people don't realize just how close He is to them personally.

We don't do it on purpose but when we think about where God is, most of us think of Him way off in heaven. Even when I would preach from the pulpit I would have the people close their eyes and look up to heaven when we prayed. I don't do that anymore. I tell people the same thing I told my son. Don't look up to heaven to find God; He is here right now, with you. He is right in front of you right now and He loves you.

I used to think that I needed to bother God (with my faith) so that I could get His attention. Only after I got His attention would He answer my prayers. Once I had prayed then my words would need to travel off into the heavens. They would fly past the moon and then past the planets of Jupiter and Saturn, then past the North Star and then the Milky Way. If they kept traveling then somewhere out there they would find heaven.

Once my words reached heaven they would find God who is sitting on His throne in heaven and my prayer would finally reach His ears. However, He was still indifferent to my struggles and if I wanted Him to notice me I would need to bother Him until He would give me victory. It was as if I constantly needed to interrupt Him to share my struggles with the hope that I could talk Him into helping. I was walking with God but felt as if we were detached from each other.

Have you ever been so sleepy that you are so happy to get yourself into your bed and turn out the lights? Everything is in place. Your pillow is just right and you are just getting warmed underneath the covers, your eyelids are heavy as you start to fall asleep. Then, right in your ear you hear a buzz as a mosquito tries to land on you. You fling your hands around wildly hoping you killed it or at least scared it away and as you try to sleep again you hear that same buzz in your ear. You get out of your warm bed and turn on the lights to find it and crush it but then you can't find it. So, you try

once again to sleep and as soon as you get comfortable you hear the buzz again.

We can understand how a little tiny mosquito can be so frustrating **but in my eyes I was that mosquito**. With God way off on His heavenly throne suddenly he would hear this buzzing sound in His ear that just wouldn't go away. He ignored it as long as He could until finally, out of frustration He would grab His great big telescope and swing it around to focus on that buzzing noise. As He zoomed in He could see one tiny little dot in the vast universe. It was earth. On that dot was another smaller dot and that dot was me, waving my hands, jumping up and down and praying trying to get His attention. He would answer my prayer so that I would stop bothering Him, not because He loved me. This is the way that I had once viewed myself and God in our relationship.

It's no wonder that so many people feel that God doesn't care about what they are going through. Here is what one of my favorite verses says; Jeremiah 29:11-13 *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and **pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.**"*

I hope you can understand «SALUTATION», this verse is speaking to you. Your Heavenly Father is always with you, always around you and when you pray don't need to look up to heaven because He is not only there. When you pray, simply whisper because He is right there in front of you. You do not need to fear. He will listen to you because His ear is right next to your lips. He loves to hear you talk to Him and discuss the test and trials that you might be going through.

I looked up the word "Omnipresence" which is used to describe how God is able to be everywhere at the same time. The Webster dictionary simply says : present in all places at all times. It then gives some related words to describe its meaning and I was blessed to see how it also describes God's love for you. Those related words are: boundless, endless, fathomless, horizonless, illimitable, immeasurable, indefinite, infinite, limitless, measureless, unbounded, unfathomable, unlimited, extensive, far-flung, widespread. This is such a wonderful description of God's presence and His love for us.

Life has a way of making things complicated and robbing us of the simplicity of walking with God. Let's get back to that inquisitive heart towards God. He longs for us to discover just how close He is to us and how much He truly loves us. It says in 1 John 5:14 *"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."* Next time you pray, simply close your eyes and know that your Heavenly Father is right there with you and He will hear everything you say

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