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Jer. 23:24 "Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD. (NIV)

One of my professors in seminary used to make this statement: *Does the LORD ever ask a question because He doesn't already know the answer? Of course not. He only asks a question so that we can know the answer.* 

The same is true in this passage. The LORD is simply asking two rhetorical questions to make us think and realize that there is nothing the He doesn't know and doesn't see. His knowledge is without end. His power is unstoppable. His wisdom is beyond measure. It is somewhat amusing that we think that we can "get away" with something and that God won't see it or know it. In fact, the writer of Hebrew puts it this way in Heb. 4:13 – "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to Whom we must give account." (NIV)

We must know this: God sees and knows everything; period! There is nothing we can hide. There is nothing that we can somehow push to the side so that it cannot be found out. He knows the intentions of our heart before we even act. Instead of trying to hide our thoughts, desires and sins, we should come clean with Him. 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (NIV)

Dear LORD, You know all things. You know our hearts. We come before you today in repentance and with confession. Forgive us for our sins. In Jesus Name, Amen