

# TERRIFIED AND COMFORTED

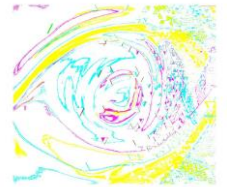


*All Around Me Jessica Eli*

## **I am living under an Eye that sees through every pretense.**

***O LORD, thou hast searched me and known me!  
Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up;  
thou discernest my thoughts from afar.  
Thou searchest out my path and my lying down,  
and art acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.***

***Psalm 139***



Vision

It's hard to get my head around it.

But God actually sees through me!

He sees beyond the image I present to the world---knows what I'm really up to.

Scary, but comforting.

How else can the Lord teach me how to face reality and live the Truth?

## **I am living under an Eye that never leaves me.**



*Eternal Presence*

***Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?  
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, thou art there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, thou art there!  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there thy hand shall lead me,  
and thy right hand shall hold me.  
If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to thee,  
the night is bright as the day.***

***Psalm 139***

Sometimes I tell myself that God doesn't notice; that he is busy with other things.

Big mistake!

The same God who watches every sparrow fall, knows every blade of grass, sees into my soul 24/7.

**Am I terrified, or am I comforted?**

**Both.**

***How precious to me are thy thoughts, O God!***

***How vast is the sum of them!***

***If I would count them, they are more than the sand.***

***When I awake, I am still with thee.***

***Psalm 139***

But why is he watching me? Why is my every thought, every word, every deed remembered?

Who is this God who knows me inside and out?

Does he care about me? Does he care about the millions who are sick and half-starved?

Don't look to the religious professionals to tell you.

Don't expect the doctrines of your church to make it plain.

If you want to know what he is like, this God who looks into your soul, focus your attention on the words of Jesus----*all of them.*

**You will not only get a glimpse of what God is like,  
You will hear his voice.**

***Search me, O God, and know my heart!***

***Try me and know my thoughts!***

***And see if there be any wicked way in me,***

***and lead me in the way everlasting!***

***Psalm 139***



*Faithful in Prayer*

#### Prayer

*Yes, Precious and Holy Lord, we are awed and frightened by your ever-present presence. We lay all our pretenses, all our faults before you. Search us, know our hearts... Oh lead us, lead us to your very heart. Lord humble us, open our hearts until we can trust you with all that we have, until we can relax into your tender loving care and live aware of your comforting presence with us all our remaining days.*

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