

BE SURE YOUR SINS WILL FIND YOU OUT

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The 2016 presidential election season was the most remarkable I have ever seen. The uses and abuses of new technologies provided much of the fodder for controversies regarding either candidate. What a lackluster campaign it would have been without emails, videos, Twitter, mobile phone texting and WikiLeaks. True and profound more than ever is that which Moses said to the three ancient tribes, *“Be sure your sin will find you out.”* And he said it in well under 144 characters.

Everyone should have figured out by now that in a time such as ours when information is gathered so thoroughly, preserved so efficiently and spread so rapidly, there can hardly be any secrets anymore that will not be made known. This situation must be alarming to those concerned with civil liberties or those who have things to hide. But it should also cause us who fear the Lord to remember that accountability for our actions and words does not require the presence of microphones, cameras and mobile devices.

Long before modern technology, men and women have been living our lives, whether in private or in public, behind closed doors or in the open, before the all-seeing eye of God. Scripture assures us and warns us, *“For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.”* These words inform us that everything we do and say is being observed and remembered whether or not we realize it. We will be rewarded for the good we do and will be accountable for the bad we do, even if we think that no one knows about it. A day is coming when, according the gospel of Christ, *“God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.”*

Perhaps you have said or done things which you would tremble to think that others would find out about it. We should tremble to realize that we will answer to God for every deed and word, and focus our efforts not on keeping the secret but on pure and circumspect lives . Thanks to God for the forgiveness that is ours through the Lord Jesus Christ. But remember this: If you have sinned against the Lord, *“Be sure your sin will find you out.”* (Ecclesiastes 12:14, Romans 2:16. Numbers 32:23)