

The Eyes of God

Introduction

God's **omniscience** is portrayed throughout Scripture using the metaphor of "eyes"—**the eyes of Jehovah that range throughout the entire earth.**([Zech4:10](#)) This study explores a profound theological concept: God's comprehensive surveillance of His creation may be accomplished, at least in part, through the agency of His holy angels who serve as His eyes, sent forth into all the earth([Zech1:10-11](#)). The biblical evidence suggests that angels function as divine observers, extending God's watchful care and knowledge to every corner of creation.

- **OMNISCIENCE** => The quality of **knowing all things** at once; **universal knowledge**; knowledge unbounded or infinite. **Omniscience is an attribute peculiar to God.** (Webster's 1828 English Dictionary)
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The Omnipresent Eyes of Jehovah

A. God's Eyes See Everything

[Proverbs 15:3](#) — "The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good."

- This foundational text establishes that God's observation is universal and constant. Nothing escapes His notice—neither wickedness nor righteousness. The phrase "in every place" emphasizes complete geographical coverage.

[Job 34:21](#) — "For his eyes are on the ways of a man, and he sees all his steps."

- God observes not merely locations but individual human actions. Every step, every decision, every movement falls under divine scrutiny.

[Proverbs 5:21](#) — "For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jehovah, and he ponders all his paths."

- Hebrew: 'ayin (Strong's #5869): "eye, sight, appearance"
- The Hebrew word for "eyes" carries connotations of mental and spiritual perception, not merely physical sight. God's "eyes" represent His complete awareness and understanding.

B. God's Eyes Watch Over the Righteous

[Psalm 34:15](#) — "The eyes of Jehovah are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry."

- God's watchful gaze brings comfort and protection to His people. This is not surveillance for judgment but attentive care for those who belong to Him.

[1 Peter 3:12](#) — "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

- The apostle Peter, quoting from [Psalm 34:15](#), confirms that God's eyes actively monitor His people's needs and respond to their prayers.
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The Seven Eyes That Range Throughout the Earth

A. Zechariah's Vision of the Seven Eyes

[Zechariah 4:10](#) — "For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. These are the eyes of Jehovah, which run to and fro through the whole earth."

- This passage introduces seven eyes explicitly identified as "the eyes of Jehovah." The verb "run to and fro" (Hebrew: **shuwt**, Strong's #7751) means "to rove about, travel, go eagerly to and fro." This suggests active, purposeful movement rather than passive observation.

[2 Chronicles 16:9](#) — "For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is blameless toward him."

- Hebrew: **shuwt** (Strong's #7751): "to rove about, travel to and fro"
- God's eyes are not stationary but mobile, constantly surveying the earth. The purpose is redemptive—to strengthen and support those who are faithful to Him.

B. The Connection to Angels in Zechariah

[Zechariah 1:10-11](#) — "And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, 'These are they whom Jehovah has sent to walk to and fro through the earth.' And they answered the angel of Jehovah who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, '**We have walked to and fro through the earth**, and behold, all the earth remains at rest and is quiet.'"

- **Angels are explicitly described as being sent to "walk to and fro through the earth"—the same language used for God's eyes in [Zechariah 4:10](#).** This parallel suggests that the seven eyes may represent angelic beings who serve as God's agents of observation.

[Zechariah 6:5-7](#) — "And **the angel answered and said** to me, '**These are the four winds of heaven, going out from standing before the Lord** of all the earth... Those going toward the north country have given rest to my Spirit in the north country.'"

- The angelic chariots are sent throughout the earth and **report back to God, functioning as His reconnaissance agents.**
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Revelation's Seven Spirits Sent Into All the Earth

A. The Lamb's Seven Eyes

[Revelation 5:6](#) — "And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the **four living creatures**, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and **seven eyes**, which are the **seven Spirits of God sent out** into all the earth."

- Greek: **apostello** (Strong's #649): "**to send forth, send away**"
- The seven eyes are identified as "the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth." **The word "sent" is the same root as "apostle"—one who is commissioned and dispatched.** While many interpret the "seven Spirits" as symbolic of the Holy Spirit's fullness, the language of being "sent out" **parallels the description of angels as messengers and agents.**

[Revelation 4:5](#) — "And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were **seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**"

- The seven Spirits are positioned before God's throne, similar to how angels are described as standing in God's presence ready to be dispatched ([Luke 1:19](#)).

B. Angels as God's Watchers

[Daniel 4:13, 17](#) — "I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, **a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven**... This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the **holy ones.**"

- Aramaic: **'iy** (Strong's #5894): "**watcher, wakeful one, angel**"
- **Angels are called "watchers"**—beings whose very title describes their function of vigilant observation. They are "holy ones" who observe human affairs and report to the divine council.

[Hebrews 1:14](#) — "Are they not all **ministering spirits, sent forth** to minister for those who shall be heirs of salvation?"

- Greek: **apostello** (Strong's #649): "**to send forth**"
 - Angels are "sent forth"—**the exact same word used in [Revelation 5:6](#) for the seven eyes/spirits being sent** into all the earth. This linguistic parallel strengthens the connection between God's eyes and angelic ministry.
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Angels as Agents of Divine Observation

A. Angels Observe and Report

[Genesis 18:20-21](#) — "And Jehovah said, 'Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, **I will go down now, and see** whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which has come to me; and if not, I will know.'"

- While God is omniscient, in this case, He went down to Earth to see with His own eyes. He often uses angelic agents to investigate and report. The two angels who visited Sodom ([Genesis 19:1](#)) were sent to "see" the situation firsthand.

[Joshua 5:13-14](#) — "And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went to him, and said to him, 'Are you for us, or for our adversaries?' And he said, 'No; but **as captain of the host of Jehovah have I now come.**'"

- The captain of Jehovah's host appeared to assess the situation before the conquest of Jericho, serving as God's representative and observer. Who is in charge of Jehovah's host of angels? Michael, but who is Michael? See => <https://sidnash.org/docs/WhoIsMichael.html>

B. Angels Witness Human Worship and Conduct

[1 Corinthians 11:10](#) — "For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of **the angels**."

- Angels observe Christian worship assemblies. Their presence as witnesses reinforces proper conduct and order.

[1 Timothy 5:21](#) — "I charge you before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and **the elect angels**, that you observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."

- Angels are present as witnesses to ministerial conduct. Paul invokes their watching presence as motivation for integrity.

[Ephesians 3:10](#) — "To the intent that now to **the principalities and powers in heavenly places** might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."

- Angels learn about God's wisdom by observing the church. They are students of redemption, watching God's plan unfold through His people.
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The Purpose of God's All-Seeing Eyes

A. To Strengthen and Support His People

[2 Chronicles 16:9](#) — "**For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth**, to show himself strong **on behalf of those whose heart is blameless** toward him."

- God's surveillance is not primarily for judgment but for support. He actively seeks opportunities to demonstrate His power on behalf of the faithful.

[Deuteronomy 11:12](#) — "A land that Jehovah your God cares for. **The eyes of Jehovah your God** are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year."

- God's eyes represent His providential care and covenant faithfulness. **His watchful attention ensures blessing and protection.**

B. To Execute Justice

[Proverbs 15:3](#) — "**The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.**"

- God's eyes discern between righteousness and wickedness. Nothing is hidden from His judgment.

[Jeremiah 16:17](#) — "For **my eyes are upon all their ways**: they are not hidden from my face, neither is their iniquity hidden from my eyes."

- Sin cannot be concealed from God's observation. His eyes penetrate all attempts at deception.
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Practical Summary

The biblical principle of "the eyes of the Lord" reveals **God's comprehensive awareness of all His creation**. Scripture suggests Jehovah often employs His holy angels as His agents of observation—sent throughout the earth to watch, report, and execute His will.

This truth should produce several responses in believers:

1. **Comfort.** God's eyes are upon His people for their good. He sees every struggle, hears every prayer, and watches for opportunities to demonstrate His strength on our behalf.
2. **Accountability.** We live our lives before an audience of heaven. **Angels observe** our worship, our conduct, and our faithfulness. This should motivate us to keep connected, as branches of our Messiah, the vine([Jn15:1-5](#)).
3. **Confidence.** Nothing escapes God's notice. No injustice goes unseen, no faithfulness unrewarded. The same eyes that watch over us also monitor our adversaries.
4. **Worship.** We serve a God whose knowledge is perfect and whose care is personal. Through His angelic agents - His omniscient presence, He maintains intimate awareness of His creation from His Heavenly residence in glory.

The seven eyes of Jehovah that run throughout the earth remind us that we are never alone, never forgotten, and never beyond the reach of His providential care.
