

Our “Know-It-All” God!

Psalm 139:1-6

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Introduction

- The Explosion of Information and knowledge today
- Our inability to “know it all”
- The “*Greatness and Majesty of God*”
 - Psalm 93:1-- “*The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely, the world is established so that it cannot be moved.*”
- Removal of limitations in our minds about God and His greatness
 - The “Omni” attributes of God

Our “Know-It-All” God!

- Psalm 139:1-6-- “*O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thoughts from afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.*”

A. Theological Definition of “Omniscience”

1. **God knows everything, both the actual and the potential.**
 - Isaiah 46:9-10-- “*Remember the former things of old. For I am God, and there is no other; I am God and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things that are not yet done.*”
 - 1 Samuel 23:12-- “*Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, ‘They will deliver you.’*”
2. **God knows everything immediately from eternity.**
3. **God knows the end and the perfect means to achieve his ends. This we call “Wisdom”**

B. Practical Understanding of God’s Knowledge as Experienced by David in Psalm 139

1. **God knows us intimately and personally**
 - Psalm 139:1-- “*O LORD, You have searched me and known me.*”
2. **God knows what we do each moment of the day.**
 - Psalm 139:2-- “*You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thoughts afar off.*”
 - Psalm 33:13-15-- “*The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth; He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.*”
3. **God knows why we do what we do! Our motives**
 - Hebrews 4:12-13-- “*For the Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account.*”
4. **God knows what we do in private as well as public**
 - Psalm 139:3-- “*You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.*”

5. **God knows what we are thinking**

- Psalm 139:4-- *"For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether."*

C. Practical Effects of knowing that God knows it all!

1. **It will either comfort or convict us-- one of the two....**

- Psalm 139:5-- *"You have hedged me behind and before, and laid your hand upon me."*

a. **It is comforting to know that God knows....**

1) **Our needs in life**

- Matthew 6:7-8--*"When you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your heavenly Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him."*
- Matthew 7:11-- *"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gift to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him."*

2) **Our service done for Him.**

- Hebrews 6:10-- *"God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister!"*

3) **Our frailties and sinful tendencies, and still loves and accepts us!**

- 1 John 3:19-20-- *"And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him, for if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things."*

4) **Those who belong to Him**

- 2 Timothy 2:19-- *"Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.'"*
- 2 Peter 2:9-- *"Lord knows how to rescue the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment."*

b. **It is convicting to know that nothing escapes God's notice and that every hidden act and word will be brought to light in judgment.**

- 1 Corinthians 4:5-- *"Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and reveal the counsels of the heart.; Then each one's praise will come from God."*

2. **It cuts out any pretense with God.**

- a. Our fear is if people really knew us, they would not love us.
- b. God knows everything about us, and still loves us in spite of what He knows.
- c. We can drop the "mask" and be open and vulnerable with God, because God knows

3. **It creates genuine awe or worship of God.**

- Psalm 139:6-- *"Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it."*
- Romans 11:33-36-- *"Oh the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or, who has become his counselor? Or who has first given to him, and it shall be repaid to him? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen!"*
- Psalm 139:16-- *"In Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them."*