



## GOD, OUR ALL-KNOWING & INTIMATE CREATOR

(Psalm 139)

By Anthony Scherffius

There are many people in this world that are terrified at the concept of God. They see the God of the Bible as a dictating tyrant who stands over His creation with an iron fist ready to smite anyone who messes up in the slightest. In some minds He is depicted as a child who likes to play with ants, playing with them and preventing them from moving forward, and when He grows bored, He squashes them.

This concept of God could not be farther from the truth. Although God is omniscient and omnipresent, He is also all-loving, intimate, and patient with His creation. The psalmist King David would write about God's nature in Psalm 139. When describing who God is and how magnificent and awesome He is, David would actually say this knowledge should bring us peace and safety, not paralyzing fear that makes us run from God.

**God Knows Who I Am** (vs 1-6) David begins by first generally discussing God's knowledge. He describes God as "searching" him and "scrutinizing" his paths. David says that God's knowledge is too wonderful and too high for anyone to obtain. God knows where we are, who we are, and what we are.

**God Knows Where I Am** (vs 7-12) After prefacing the psalm with God's unimaginable knowledge, he then makes it known that one cannot hide from God. With ultimate knowledge conjoined with unlimited power to be anywhere and everywhere, it is impossible to hide from God's presence.

**God Knows My Beginning & End** (vs 13-16) It is here where we see the psalmist make it clear how knowing God's omniscience and omnipresence should bring us comfort. David mentions

his birth, and tells the reader that God was there from the beginning. Not only was God there, He was the one who intricately constructed him in his mother's womb. David also says that God knows the numbered days of his life. Jehovah is aware of how long David has before he passes from this world. Many would say this is terrifying, having an all-powerful God aware of our every move, every thought, and always watching, from the beginning of life to the very end. How can we find comfort in this? With God as our creator, we can know He will know what is best for us (Matthew 6:19ff). With God knowing the end of our days and beyond, we can trust that He holds the future and be confident that He will protect us.

**God's Knowledge Brings Love** (vs 17-18) It is here where David explicitly displays his peace in knowing that God is all-knowing. "David used a powerful image to illustrate the idea of how often God thinks of us. We imagine standing on a shore and wondering just how many grains of sand fill the beach – yet God's thoughts are more in number. Day or night, David thought of God because he knew the greatness of God's thoughts about him. At the waking of the day, the wonderful presence of God was still with him". (Quote from Enduring Word)

**God's Knowledge Brings Hatred** (vs 19-22) In verse 19, David abruptly switches gears from an awe of who God is, to an intense petition to eliminate God's enemies. David begs God to destroy those who oppose the great Creator and Protector. "It wasn't primarily because these men opposed David, but because they opposed God and spoke against Him wickedly. David's adoration filled him with zeal for God's honor. David was undeniably God's partisan. He wanted to be on God's side, and therefore even allowed himself to hate those who hated God. In fact, David boasted that he hated them with perfect hatred, regarding them as enemies.

David went against a spirit also evident in our day – against the idea that we can love God without hating evil. It is entirely possible for a person to be too loving, and it corrupts his claimed love for God". (Enduring Word) Entreatingly, God's love can move men to hate. It will either produce a hatred of evil, or a hatred of God Himself. If one truly loves God, they will truly hate the same things as God. "A good man hates, as God himself doth: he hates not the persons of men, but their sins; not what God made them, but what they have made themselves". (Horne).

**God's Knowledge Brings Examination** (vs 23-24) The all-righteous and all-just God knows all things, such as our thoughts and our actions, our origin and our end. Therefore, we can have confidence that what He loves is good and what He hates is wicked. We must examine our hearts that we may be found acceptable to Him. "David came to the God of perfect knowledge and constant presence knowing He was also a God of love, and could be trusted to search him and to know him at the deepest levels. This is also an admission that God knew David better than David knew himself, and that he needed God to search and know him. David took his theological understanding of God's nature and attributes and applied it to his own personal discipleship. The nature and attributes of God were not mere theories; they were guides to David's spiritual growth". (Enduring Word)

Let us find comfort in the God of the Bible, aware that He knows everything about us because He created us, and be mindful of His love and justice for all men.

**DECEMBER CALENDARS  
ARE IN THE INFORMATION  
ROOM.**

## Remember in Prayer

**Diane Ewing** is now in the Mabank Nursing Home for rehab.

**Edna Duncan** has an infection that is being treated with antibiotics.

**Luanne Patterson** is having back pain.

**Louis Thomas** received a very good report from his recent bone marrow biopsy.

## Remember also:

Melva McManus,  
Archie & Nancy Underwood,  
Joy Tull, Margrie Holloway,  
Debbie Perkins, Judy Mitchell,  
Nathan Bailey, Robin Lowry,  
Pat & Kelly Beck,  
Jeff Elam, Deb Thomas,  
Kevin Burnett

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**December 4-** Nursing Home  
November/December Birthday Party  
**December 14-** Nursing Home Worship  
Svc./2:00  
**December 21-** Elder/Deacon Mtg./4:00

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Ladies Mug Exchange  
&

Hot Chocolate Bar  
Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
10:00/Graham's Home