

Known and Loved

Psalm 139 1-6, 13-18

One of the essential characters of God is His omniscience (1 John 3:20; 1 Sam. 2:3; Rom. 11:33, Isa. 40:13-14; 66:18). God's omniscience means that there is absolutely nothing He doesn't know. His knowledge involves everything that we can possibly imagine and much more besides. He knows everything and therefore there is no need for Him to learn. (Prov. 15:3; 5:21).

Consider three ways in which God's comprehensive knowledge of us serves as our source of encouragement.

1. ***Because God knows us _____, we must _____ in His care***
God, as it were, thoroughly investigates every aspect of our lives and He has known them; He has exact and precise understanding of who we are. God knows our physical life (Psalm 139:13-16). He knows every single, smallest detail of our physical being even before we are born. Your uniqueness speaks of God's loving concern (Matt. 10:30). God also knows our spiritual lives. He knows our intentions, thoughts and our emotions and He perfectly understands them (Ezekiel 11:5; 1 Kings 8:39; Acts 1:24; Psalm 44:21).

2. ***Because God knows us _____, we must _____ in His plans***
Everything God knows is rooted in His eternal purposes. God's purpose in knowing us is for us to enjoy His protection and blessings forever (Psalm 139:5; Job 1:10). God's knowledge of us is for our ultimate good (Jer. 29:11). Our salvation (Eph. 1:4-6) and destiny (Rom. 8:28-29) are God's good pleasurable will and purpose for us. And God guarantees that (Phil. 1:6; John 6:39-40).

3. ***Because God knows us _____, we must _____ in His love***
God's knowledge is so perfect that only God Himself is able to comprehend or attain it (Isa. 55:8). God's knowledge is perfect (Psalm 147:4) in and of Himself (Isa. 40:13-14). God's knowledge is so comprehensive that nothing could be hidden from His gaze (Heb. 4:13).

The beauty and wonder of the gospel is that as sinners, we can be known and yet clothed at the same time. God's purpose in sending His Son Jesus Christ is to die for our sins so that our guilt might be removed and be covered with the Lord's own righteousness. Covered in Christ's righteousness, the Father sees the perfect holiness and purity of His Son in us and on that basis, He accepts us (Isa. 61:10).

Practical Application

- Because God knows all things, He knows the worst about us, yet has chosen to love us and save us (Psalm 103:14).
- Because God knows all things, He also knows the best about us even though our best may be unknown to, and appreciated by others.
- Because God knows all things, He knows what He is going to make of us. His plans for us are for our good and for His ultimate pleasure and glory (Jer. 29:11). No matter how difficult they may seem, the end result is glorious (Job 23:10).

