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**Because
He Is...
Omniscient**

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O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought 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. (Psalm 139:1-6 NKJV)

My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

(Psalm 139:15-18 NKJV)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;

And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

(Psalm 139:23,24 NKJV)

THE GOD WHO KNOWS

If someone asks you about what God knows, just ask them to read Psalm 139. There, in the passage we just reviewed, God unlocks many of the hidden treasures of the knowledge of God

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and pours them out into the arena of human understanding by way of the Word of God. Think about what He has just told us:

1- He has told us that God knows everything there is to know about us (vs 1).

2- He knows all of our movements; where we go, what we do, when we go (vs 2).

3- He knows all our thoughts and understands clearly what we are thinking (vs 2).

4- He charts a course for our lives and is aware the moment we deviate from that course (vs 3).

5- He knows every word we have ever spoken, are speaking, and will speak. He even knows what we meant by what we said (vs 4).

6- He knows our past, present, and future, all as though it were now. We cannot grasp how He can do that (vs 5).

7- He knew all about us long before He formed us in our mother's womb. Before we were, He knew all we would ever do or think (vs 15).

8- God never stops thinking about us. His thoughts of us are greater than the number of grains of sand on the seashore (vs 17).

9- God is aware of us all through the night. When we awaken in the morning, He is thinking of us (vs 17).

10- If all this is true, we ought to beg God to search out those attitudes and thoughts that so dishonor Him (He already knows about them) and have Him call them to our attention so we can continue to grow (vss 22,23).

God knows. He knows everything. Everything that ever happened, He knows as though it is happening. Everything that ever will happen, He knows as though it is in the present tense. Everything that is being thought in the secret recesses of the mind is as clear to God as if it is being shouted from the rooftops or broadcast by satellite around the world. Every motive is as clear to God as the deed itself. He is never fooled by hypocrisy. His discourse to the Pharisees indicates that He is nauseated by hypocrisy, but never surprised or fooled. The God who is knows all. He is omniscient. Therefore, the lives you and I live ought

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to be lived in that context. Instead of deceiving ourselves into thinking we are who we appear to be, we need to realize that we are who we are in our secret hearts; nothing more. And never at any time does our God see us as anything else.

What a relief! We can begin to be honest with ourselves, with God and with others. We can begin to live in the sheer freedom of knowing that the God who is...is omniscient. He knows our hearts. If we live in rebellion, at least we can be honest about two things:

1- God already knows. We're not fooling anyone, especially God.

2- It's our own choice. Nobody else is to blame. We know, and we know God knows; therefore, we are specifically saying to God "I choose to rebel." At least the air is clear. At least the issues are settled. God knows. That's all the motivation we need to live honest lives.

That's the subject of this, the third in a series on the attributes of God. We have looked at the supremacy of God and the omnipotence of God, and now we come to look at the awesome truths that spring forth from the nature of a God who knows everything. He is omniscient. And because He is... we can be changed. Our outline follows like this:

I- The God Who Knows

II- He Knows Our Rebellion

III- He Knows Our Thoughts

IV- He Knows His Own

V- He Knows the Future

VI- He Knows Our Needs

We read these words in I Samuel:

"No one is holy like the LORD, For there is none besides You,
Nor is there any rock like our God.

"Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from
your mouth, For the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by
Him actions are weighed."
(I Samuel 2:2,3 NKJV)

Oh, what a clear admonition from Scripture. Hannah is praying. She is exalting the Name and the character of God. In

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the following verses, she worships Him for His mercy, for His righteousness, for His power. But in these two verses, she is exalting God for His holiness and His perfect knowledge. Her prayer warns the believer against a spirit of arrogance that overlooks God's omniscience. God knows everything. In light of that, what do we have to be arrogant about? Oh, that we, who strut into the sanctuaries of our churches like spiritual peacocks on Sundays, could only remember that the God we claim to be worshiping knows the depths of our sinfulness and the height of our hypocrisy and still loves us.

“Am I a God near at hand,” says the LORD, “And not a God afar off?”

“Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?” says the LORD; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.
(Jeremiah 23:23,24 NKJV)

What a passage of Scripture to meditate on. Who do you think God is, anyway? Some kind of disinterested Deity who sits in some far off heaven reading updates on angelic memos about His children? No, God is everywhere, and He knows everything. What do you think you can hide from Him? He answers for you: nothing.

HE KNOWS OUR REBELLION

The first thing we must understand about the omniscience of God is that He knows our rebellion. He knows we are not what we claim to be. He sees that temper tantrum you throw in the car when another car cuts in front of you, even though you are listening to Christian radio and have a bumper sticker on your car that says “Praise The Lord; Jesus Is Coming!” He knows how insensitive you are to your wife, all the while typing out a spiritual agenda for your next Bible Study. He hears the jokes you tell or listen to at work, while you teach your children at home about holiness and the tongue. He hears you grumble about the length of the pastor's message, just after you have gripped his hand like a vise and said, “Wow, Preach, what a sermon.”

He hears all of our murmuring.

“How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me.”

(Numbers 14:27 NKJV)

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We think no one hears us but the one to whom we grumble. However, I challenge you to try this first. The next time you are sowing seeds of negativism by murmuring to someone rather than going to the one involved, instead turn and say to God: “Lord, doesn’t this honor you? I hope you like what I’m saying; I know you hear me.” What a neat way to shorten conversations.

Likewise, God sees our fits of anger that we think are confined to the private places no one else sees. Next time you are boiling mad or bitter about something, try repeating this verse:

“But I know your dwelling place, Your going out and your coming in, And your rage against Me.

Because your rage against Me and your tumult Have come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back By the way which you came. (II Kings 19:27,28 NKJV)

When we are angry at people or circumstances because our welfare or reputations have been offended, who are we really angry at? If God is sovereign, and “*Vengeance is His, He will repay*”, then who are we really raging against when we complain about that doctor or that lawyer or that preacher or that client or that spouse? If God is on His throne and He allowed that to happen, is not our anger at that person really a smokescreen to hide our disappointment in God? Did not Peter say of Jesus:

who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; (I Peter 2:23 NKJV)

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: (I Peter 2:21 NKJV)

God knows all about our anger. And that smile on our face while we pass the offering plate or teach a Sunday School class on the Lord’s Day doesn’t make Him forget. He wants us to live honest lives, and He knows the difference. He especially knows when we justify our anger and fail to be repentant, because either “nobody saw it” or “everybody does it”. God saw it, and God doesn’t do it. And God lives in you.

God knows all about the sins we commit in the darkness of our private lives, and running from Christian friends or spiritual activities won’t help. Remember Adam and Eve? They had a little problem. God had given them instructions, and they willfully

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disobeyed. So God went looking for His children, and they were “hiding” among the trees in the garden. Got it? They were hiding in a cluster of trees from the eternal God who spoke those trees into being. Don’t laugh. How often do we think that by avoiding the Word or our Christian friends, we can keep our distance from divine correction?

If you have been running from God, why not try memorizing these verses:

“For His eyes are on the ways of man, And He sees all his steps.

There is no darkness nor shadow of death Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

(Job 34:21,22 NKJV)

God is aware of your rebellion the moment it happens. Why prolong your agony and His grief by pretending He didn’t see? Why not “confess your sin” so He “that is faithful and just can forgive your sin and cleanse you of all unrighteousness”? Why not just memorize this verse and use it every day?

But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out.

(Numbers 32:23 NKJV)

“Be sure, your sin will find you out.” That’s God’s reminder to each of us who think we can live double lives, pretending to be walking in the Spirit, while we are living in rebellion. It’s only a matter of time because God knows.

HE KNOWS OUR THOUGHTS

God knows but that’s not the clincher. God not only knows everything we do, but Scripture is just as clear that He knows everything we think.

“For I know their works and their thoughts...”

(Isaiah 66:18a NKJV)

God is the possessor of the original “X-Ray machine”. According to I Samuel, He reminds us:

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

(I Samuel 16:7 NKJV)

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God's concept of who you are is nothing like man's. Man judges you by how you look, how you perform, how you measure up according to the standards of acceptable behavior. God looks beneath the surface to the heart. He longs to see what we really are like in the secret passageways of our inner thoughts. He wants to know the motives that initiate our behavior. God looks on the heart.

When our minds are conjuring up thoughts of immorality or revenge or anger, God sees it as though those thoughts were being acted upon at that moment. Here was David's charge to Solomon:

"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts..."
(I Chronicles 28:9 NKJV)

"All the imaginations of the thoughts" are known to God and understood by God. He is not as interested in your performance as He is with your heart. He judges you not by your religious activities, but by the movies that play on the screen of your mind when you think the theatre is closed for repairs. He has a private screening. And He gauges the depth of your holiness by the rating of what He sees.

Job had been wrestling with God over his circumstances. God, however, was wrestling with Job over his attitudes. So the two of them were on different wavelengths. Job told God how righteous he had been. He had this to say:

My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside.

I have not departed from the commandment of His lips;
I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my
necessary food.
(Job 23:11,12 NKJV)

"I've been a religious fanatic", Job declared. "What does God want anyway? I am a student of the Word, and I do everything God asks of a spiritual man. Why doesn't He deliver me from these embarrassing, humiliating circumstances that have made my life so grievous?" God's answer to Job was, "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?" God was looking on the heart, and Job was bitter at God. He was spouting religious clichés like a high-speed tape recorder, all the while harboring anger in his heart over what God had allowed. Until

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Job responded:

“I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.” (Job 42:2 NKJV)

There was the key. Job finally figured out that God knew His heart. He knew all about the problem, and all about the man who was suffering through the problem. He knew. No thought could be withheld from God. Coming to that realization will set you free. It did Job.

Ezekiel has another great verse to engrave on our hearts. It says this:

Then the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said to me, “Speak! Thus says the Lord: “Thus you have said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind. (Ezekiel 11:5 NKJV)

God’s heart monitor signals Him the moment a thought comes into our minds. And if it is a thought that grieves Him, it signals His Son to intercede for us. He ever lives to do that. And all the while our hearts are harboring those thoughts, God is grieving. Maybe we are still living exemplary lives. Maybe we are still keeping all the disciplines of the faith...praying, studying, witnessing, worshiping. But if, in our heart of hearts, we are angry or lusty or bitter or vengeful, what we are doing is acting out the Christian life in our own energy, pretending that God is doing it, when He’s not. God, in us, is mercy and grace and holiness and forgiveness. And God is perfect Truth. He never pretends to be anything He is not. So when we are acting out a charade of holiness while living a lie, we are not doing the will of God. God knows the secret thoughts of the human heart. Here are a few more verses to lay upon your heart:

You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. (Psalm 90:8 NKJV)

Hell and Destruction are before the Lord; So how much more the hearts of the sons of men. (Proverbs 15:11 NKJV)

Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart. (Psalm 44:21 NKJV)

And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. (Luke 16:15 NKJV)

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There is no question in Scripture about this principle. God knows everything you have ever thought, are thinking, and ever will think. He knows the totality of the wicked imaginations that fill the screen of your mind, and He knows the times you deliberately choose to harbor those thoughts. He not only knows what you look at that is damaging, He knows what you think about what you look at, and how those thoughts are willfully left on the computer disks of your mind, to be called into remembrance by the prodding of the enemy on the keyboard of your heart. He knows every thought and every so-called “secret” thought (though there is no such thing). So the question is: How long will we continue to live a lie? How long will we pretend to be what we’re not in our hearts? At what time will we say to ourselves, “God knows every thought I think. From this day forward I will not tolerate any thoughts or appetites that dishonor Him.” When that happens, we are beginning to profit by understanding the omniscience of God.

The God who spoke the stars into the heavens cares enough about each of us to take note of every thought we think and every violation of His will we commit. He saw Adam in the garden. He saw Cain slay Abel. He heard Sarah whisper words of doubt in her tent. He saw Achan’s sin. He watched in grief as David, a man after His own heart, violated every aspect of His holiness, and followed that with willful murder. He watched. He knew. He wept. He knows. Dare we live as though our all-knowing God were living in a vacuum, sheltered from the reality of our deceit? Who are we fooling? Not God. We are only deceiving ourselves.

HE KNOWS HIS OWN

Those are the alarming aspects of God’s knowledge. We cannot run from Him, hide from Him, or keep thoughts from Him, because we cannot keep anything from Him. He knows everything. But the miracle of God’s omniscience holds some marvelous blessings for us, as well. Perhaps the first and foremost of those blessings comes in the fact that God knows His own.

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His”...

(II Timothy 2:19 NKJV)

But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.

(I Corinthians 8:3 NKJV)

Nahum 1:7 is a good verse to memorize, if you fear that God

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might somehow forget you. It reads:

The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him. (Nahum 1:7 NKJV)

Do you question God's ability to keep you safe unto the day of salvation? Have you bought the lie that God might either through a memory lapse or a choice of His will overlook even one of His own? You need to read John 17 again. Jesus is praying.

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. (John 17:9-11 NKJV)

That's the Son of God, who ever lives to make intercession for us, asking His Father, who knows each of us by name, to keep each of us through grace and grace alone throughout eternity. Jesus made it so plain in John, chapter 10. If you struggle with assurance of your eternal security, memorize this passage:

I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. (John 10:14,15 NKJV)

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

I and My Father are one." (John 10:27-30 NKJV)

Subject closed. God knows His own. By Name. His Name is engraved over our name, so that never at any time can God forget we are His or deny we are His. We are His eternally because our God knows His own, cannot forget His own, and cannot forsake His own. What a comfort from the omniscience of God.

HE KNOWS THE FUTURE

There is another aspect of God's knowledge that must be considered. It is the eternal aspect of what He knows. First, let's look at some qualities of the knowledge of God that will help us understand how deeply it differs from ours.

1- Only God possesses perfect knowledge.

He has no need to learn. He never learned and cannot learn. The Scriptures record "Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being His counselor hath taught Him?" The answer is no one. A.W. Tozer comments this way:

"Could God at any time or in any manner receive into His mind knowledge that He did not possess and had not possessed from eternity, He would be imperfect and less than Himself."

2- God knows no thing better than any other thing.

He knows all things equally well. You and I may know some things well, other things not so well, and be totally ignorant of still other things. Not so with God. Whatever He knows, (which is everything) He knows perfectly. Tozer again comments this way:

"God knows instantly and effortlessly all matter and all matters, all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all being and every being, all creaturehood and all creatures... He never discovers anything. He is never surprised, never amazed. He never wonders about anything."

3- God's knowledge is not causative.

Arthur Pink, in his book The Attributes of God makes this statement:

"...Neither God's knowledge nor His cognition of the future, considered simply in themselves, are causative. Nothing has ever come to pass, or ever will, merely because God knew it. The cause of all things is the will of God."

He quotes Acts 2:23 which describes Jesus as "delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God." God's knowledge is not the cause of His actions; He acts because He chooses to.

4- The knowledge of God is at the root of all religion.

Stephen Charnock in his classic work The Existence and Attributes of God makes this statement:

“If men had thought they had to deal with an ignorant deity, there could be no practice of religion. Who would lift up his eyes, or spread his hand towards heaven, if he imagined his devotion were to a God as blind as the heathens imagined fortune? Therefore all nations acknowledge this, as well as the existence and being of God. No nation but had their temples, particular ceremonies of worship, and presented their sacrifices, which they could not have been so vain as to do, without an acknowledgment of this attribute. Some call him the “Eye of the World” and the Egyptians represented God by an eye on the top of a scepter, because God is all eye, and is ignorant of nothing.”

5- God’s thoughts are so much higher than ours we cannot totally imagine His mind. Isaiah reminds us that:

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.
(Isaiah 55:8,9 NKJV)

We cannot fathom the awesome knowledge of God. Not only His capacity to know, but the depth of His knowledge is beyond our understanding. Once again, to try to describe God’s knowledge and wisdom using the parameters that describe and define the knowledge of man is ludicrous. It cannot be done. The ways of God and the mind of God are characteristics of the essence of God, which is divine, and the purposes of God, which are spiritual. We cannot fully grasp them. Which brings us to the next aspect of God’s knowledge:

6- God’s knowledge is eternal.

It is not affected by time. He knows the past as clearly as the present; He has no memory loss. He knows the present in relation to the past, not just as information. He knows the future as though it has happened, and yet His knowledge of the future is not a hindrance to His accomplishing His will in the present. He views time from an eternal perspective; thus its hindrances

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only further His purposes, for even time was created out of His boundless wisdom for His specific plan.

Perhaps the most puzzling, yet most reassuring aspect of God's omniscience is His knowledge of the future. Look at what Scripture says about God's foreknowledge:

He knows what the enemy is going to do.

I Samuel 23 is but one example of God's foreknowledge of the enemy. David was quizzing God. It reads like this:

Then David said, "O Lord God of Israel, Your servant has certainly heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah to destroy the city for my sake.

Will the men of Keilah deliver me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as Your servant has heard? O Lord God of Israel, I pray, tell Your servant." And the Lord said, "He will come down."

Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?" And the Lord said, "They will deliver you."
(I Samuel 23:10-12 NKJV)

Saul's assault on David did not catch God by surprise, nor will the frantic attack of Satan on planet earth in the last days. Read the book of Revelation carefully. God clearly catalogs the movements of the enemy thousands of years before they will come to pass. The problem we have is in carrying that truth into daily understanding. It means that what has happened to you, tragic though it may be, did not catch God unawares. He knew about it in eternity past, and He designed in eternity past a way to make it work together for your good and for His Glory. God knows what the enemy will do next. He knows what will happen to you. Just as the enemy does not catch God off guard, nothing you do or nothing done to you surprises God, either.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."
(Isaiah 42:9 NKJV)

God knew before the foundation of the world who you would marry, what job you would take, what route you would take to work the day you had that accident, what day and time you would receive that call that so changed your life. God knew and God knows.

God knows what He will do now and forever. He isn't reading

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“USA Today” or “Newsweek” to catch up on the happenings of the moment so He can make a decision on how to respond to the catastrophes or occurrences that make the headlines, or even the little choices we make day by day. He knew all about them and had a perfect, complete response planned before ever the world was. Acts 15:18 is a good memory verse. It says:

“Known to God from eternity are all His works.”

(Acts 15:18 NKJV)

God’s plan is finished. He is not sitting at a drafting board, pondering Associated Press releases or filtering through prayer requests to determine His purposes. They were foreordained before the world was. Therefore, we can take our requests to Him, not to inform nor astonish Him, but rather to ask Him to bring us into His perfect will, and to answer those prayers in such a way that He has in eternity past determined would bring maximum glory to His Name.

God knows each child before he or she is born. His plan for that child was created in eternity past, and the characteristics of that child, even its deformities and weaknesses, were included in that plan in order that maximum glory might be His, even as He brings strength out of weakness; joy out of sorrow; purpose out of suffering. This is a powerful verse:

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

(Jeremiah 1:5 NKJV)

What a marvelous promise to pray over our young ones. What an encouragement for the parents of newborn babies. God knew them by name even before they were conceived. He had a plan for them before they came into this world. He does not wait outside the delivery room for an update. God knows. Oh, how God knows.

HE KNOWS OUR NEEDS

That brings us to the most comforting part of all. Not only does God know all about the past, all about the present, all about the future; He knows the deepest needs of our hearts long before we even ask. He knows. And, oh, how much He cares. God isn’t sitting in an insulated booth in the heavenlies separated from our grief and our sorrow. God knows our deepest pains and sorrows. He knows them before they happen; He knows how they will affect us; and He knows when we will cry out to Him in anguish

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for comfort. He knows. He has prepared in eternity past all of the mercy and all of the grace and all of the comfort we will ever need.

He knows when we are humiliated.

You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor;
(Psalm 69:19a NKJV)

He knows when we hurt.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, Then You knew my path.
(Psalm 142:3a NKJV)

He knows our inadequacies.

For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.
(Psalm 103:14 NKJV)

He knows every need we will ever have.

For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.
(Matthew 6:8b NKJV)

Our God knows. Before we weep, He collects our tears. Before we cry out in anguish, He prepares a towel of comfort. Before we encounter that seemingly insoluble problem, our God knows it will happen and has already provided an eternal blessing that is waiting to be delivered even at the hand of circumstantial disaster. God knows. He knows everything about your past. He has forgiven you (if you've asked Him to). He knows about your grief and your pain and your sorrow. He knows about your fear and your anxiety. He knows about the crises in the world, and long before this world was formed, He moved in eternity past to deal with them. He knows what the enemy is going to do next in your life and has arranged a vast supply of grace that you may endure. He knows your weakness and has prepared to turn it into strength. He knows your loneliness and desires to comfort you. He knows how difficult and dangerous and immoral this present world has become. In fact, He knew even before the world was formed, how like the days of Noah these days would be. Our loving, wonderful God even then had ordained and prepared a new heaven and a new earth where the cares and the fears of this life would dissolve in an ocean of the glory of God.

God knows. Everything. All things. Always. Forever. And because He knows, we can be at rest. We need not fear being "found out". He knows. We need not fear an onslaught from Satan to catch Him unawares. He knows. We need not fear pain

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or suffering we cannot endure. He knows. We need not fear the uncertainties of the future. He knows. He knows everything yet to come as though it is; everything we'll ever need before we ask. And comfort of comforts, our God knows us. We who are His will always be His, because His infinite knowledge has engraved us on His heart, and we are thus assured, by the power of what He knows, final deliverance on that grand and glorious day. He will take us to be with Him.

Ought we not to join that angelic host in saying

All the angels...fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."
(Revelation 7:11,12 NKJV)

Let's pray.

Father,

There is nothing You do not know, praise God! May we leave this place today understanding in that, resting in that and living like that.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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A Challenge to Further Study

1- Meditate this week on Psalm 139. Make a list of the effects of God's omniscience as found in that passage. Stop to worship God for each of those benefits.

2- Thank God that He knows the rebellion in your life: the areas you clutch at while those around you think you have victory. Thank Him that knowing He knows sets you free to stop deceiving yourself.

3- Keep a journal (in private) of the thoughts in your heart this week that keep recurring, but are contrary to God's will. Openly confess them before God and ask Him to forgive you. Practice the process of immediate confession as you begin to entertain those thoughts again.

4- Memorize II Timothy 2:19 and Nahum 1:7.

5- Make a list of the things that are burdening your heart. Take that list to God and thank Him that He knew even before you asked what your needs would be. Drink of His knowledge. Rest in His love.

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