

DO YOU KNOW GOD AS WELL AS HE KNOWS YOU? (Part 1): Fully Known & Loved

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. We are fully known and loved by God and shall know Him fully:
1 Cor. 13:11-12: ¹¹*When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. ¹²Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I **know** [Gk. *ginōskō* = “to know”] **in part; then I shall know fully** [Gk. *epiginōskō* = “to know fully or completely”], even as **I am fully known** [Gk. *epiginōskō*].*
- B. In this series, we want to better understand how God knows us and then learn how we can grow in our knowledge of Him. We will break it down into three separate parts:
1. Part 1: Fully known and loved by God
 2. Part 2: How well do we know Him?
 3. Part 3: Growing in the knowledge of God
- C. **Ps. 139:1-17:** ¹*O LORD, You have searched me and **You know me.** ²You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. ³You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. ⁴Before a word is on my tongue You know it completely, O LORD. ⁵You hem me in—behind and before; You have laid Your hand upon me. ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.***
⁷*Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. ⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.*
¹³*For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the*

earth, ¹⁶*Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.* ¹⁷*How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

D. God is **omniscient**, omnipotent, and omnipresent!

II. GOD SEES AND KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT US!

A. Our movements (“when I sit and when I rise... my going out and my lying down”)

B. Our thoughts (good and bad!)—God is a mind reader!

C. Our hearts: **Acts 1:24:** *Then they prayed, “Lord, **You know everyone’s heart.**”*

D. All our ways:

Job 23:8-10: ⁸*But if I go to the east, He is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find Him.* ⁹*When He is at work in the north, I do not see Him; when He turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of Him.* ¹⁰***BUT He knows the way that I take;** when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold.*

E. Our words before they are on our tongue!

F. God saw us and knew us before we were born:

Jer. 1:4-5: ⁴*The word of the LORD came to me:* ⁵***“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”***

G. Our name (Abraham, Moses, Samuel)

H. Our address:

Acts 9:4, 10-11: ⁴*He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “**Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?**”* ¹⁰*In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “**Ananias!**” “Yes, Lord,” he answered. ¹¹*The Lord told him, “**Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul...****

I. The number of hairs on our head – approx. 100,000! (He knows more about you than you know about yourself!)

Mat. 10:29-31: ²⁹*Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care.* ³⁰*And even **the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*** ³¹*So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.*

J. **OUR SHOE SIZE!** [Judge's & prophet's shoes testimonies]

K. He knows all our needs:

Mat. 6:7-8: ⁷*And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.* ⁸*Do not be like them, for **your Father knows what you need** before you ask Him.*

L. God knows the plans He has for us—all of our days are already recorded in His book!

1. **Jer. 29:11-13:** ¹¹***“For I know the plans I have for you,”** declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* ¹²*Then you will **call upon Me** and come and **pray to Me**, and I will listen to you.* ¹³***You will seek Me and find Me** when you **seek Me with all your heart.**”*
2. **Eph. 1:4-6, 11-12:** ⁴*For **He chose us in Him** before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love ⁵**He predestined us** to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with **His pleasure and will**—⁶*to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves ...* ¹¹*In Him we were also chosen, having been **predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will,*** ¹²*in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory.**
3. **Eph. 2:10:** *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do **good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.***

M. “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me!”

III. JESUS HAD SUPERNATURAL KNOWLEDGE HERE ON EARTH

- A. **John 2:23-25:** ²³*Now while He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs He was doing and believed in His name.* ²⁴*But Jesus would not entrust Himself to them, for **He knew all men.*** ²⁵*He did not need man's testimony about man, for **He knew what was in a man.***
- B. **John 1:47-48:** ⁴⁷*When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, He said of him, “Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false.”* ⁴⁸***“How do You know me?”** Nathanael asked. Jesus*

answered, **“I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”**

- C. **John 5:39-42:** ³⁹You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about Me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to Me to have life. ⁴¹“I do not accept praise from men, ⁴²but **I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts.**”
- D. **John 6:14-15:** ¹⁴After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵Jesus, **knowing that they intended to come and make Him king by force**, withdrew again to a mountain by Himself.
- E. **John 6:64:** “Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him.
- F. Jesus knew everything about every church; **“I know…”** appears 11 times in Rev. 2-3!
- G. “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me!”

IV. KNOWING EVERYTHING ABOUT US, GOD STILL LOVES US!

- A. **Rom. 5:6-8, 10:** ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, **Christ died for the ungodly.** ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us...** ¹⁰For if, when we were **God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son**, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!
- B. **Rom. 8:31-39:** ³¹What, then, shall we say in response to this? **If God is for us, who can be against us?** ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? ³³**Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?** It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁷No, in all these things we are **more than conquerors through**

Him who loved us. ³⁸*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

V. CONCLUSION

- A. If God knows us and loves us this much, He must want us to know and love Him!
- B. From the beginning of creation, God has desired fellowship with us—that is why He made us in His own image and reconciled us to Himself through the Cross!
- C. Next week we will ask the difficult question, “How well do we know God?”