

Intimacy and Identity in God

Ps 139

1Cor. 13:12: "...Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

1Cor. 8:3: "But the man who loves God is known by God."

Gal. 4:9: "But now that you know God--or rather are known by God ..."

INTIMACY and IDENTITY start with God!

1. He Knows You – vs. 1-6

vs. 1-4: 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. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

2. He is With You – vs. 7-12

verses 7-12: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast ... even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

3. He Made You – vs. 13-16

verses 13-16: 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, ¹⁶your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

4. He Loves You – vs. 17-18

Vs. 17-18: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

5. Only God Can Fully Know, Change and Fulfill You – vs. 23-24

vs. 23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.