



# GOD KNOWS US

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God sees and knows everything about us and you can be certain that He has our best interest at heart.

No one captured this better than King David in one of the best loved of all the psalms and of all Scripture passages, Psalm 139.

In this Psalm David is in awe of the reality that God knows him, pursues him, created him and has a plan for him. These four things are true about each of us in this room. God knows us and He pursues us because he created us and has a plan for us.

Psalm 139:1-5 (NLT) O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. <sup>3</sup>You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. <sup>4</sup>You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. <sup>5</sup>You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

## **God knows us because He is Omniscient (All Knowing)**

- **Heart** - He knows our motives
- **Thoughts** - He knows what we are going to think

- **Actions** - He know the directions we are going in

**David's first response to God being all-knowing was absolute wonder and awe.**

Psalm 139:6 (NLT) Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

(CEV) I can't understand all of this! Such wonderful knowledge is far above me.

(MSG) This is too much, too wonderful-- I can't take it all in!

But he didn't stop with this truth, God was not only all knowing but He was also a pursuer.

**God pursues us because He is Omnipresent (everywhere present)**

Psalm 139:7-12 (NLT) I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! <sup>8</sup> If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave-you are there. <sup>9</sup> If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. <sup>11</sup> I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night <sup>12</sup> but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

David is not saying that he wanted to escape from God he is simply stating the fact of how impossible it would be to even think that you could.

God is everywhere and no one can run or hide from Him. God will pursue us no matter where we go or try to hide.

Isn't this what the Gospel is all about. We didn't go after God he came after us. He drew us to Himself. He came to seek and save those who were lost. (Luke 19:10)

Jeremiah 23:23-24 (GNB) "I am a God who is everywhere and not in one place only. <sup>24</sup> No one can hide where I cannot see them. Do you not know that I am everywhere in heaven and on earth?

David is overwhelmed with the truth that God knows us and pursues us. The question is why... Because we are His creation and the object of His love.

**God created us because He is Omnipotent (all powerful)**

Psalm 139:13-18 (NLT) You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so

wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous how well I know it. <sup>15</sup> You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. <sup>16</sup> You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. <sup>17</sup> How precious are your thoughts about me O God. They cannot be numbered! <sup>18</sup> I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

Knit together - woven like a fine piece of art and God like the master craftsman.

**Understanding that we have been fashioned by God should breed in us a sense of divine purpose.**

Ephesians 2:10 (AMP) For we are God's [*own*] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [*born anew*] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [*taking paths which He prepared ahead of time*], that we should walk in them [*living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live*].

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Jeremiah 1:4-5 (GNB) The LORD said to me <sup>5</sup> "I chose you before I gave you life, and before you were born I selected you to be a prophet to the nations."

Isaiah 49:1-2 (GNB) Listen to me, distant nations, you people who live far away! Before I was born, the LORD chose me and appointed me to be his servant. <sup>2</sup> He made my words as sharp as a sword. With his own hand he protected me. He made me like an arrow, sharp and ready for use.

Galatians 1:13-15 (GNB) You have been told how I used to live when I was devoted to the Jewish religion, how I persecuted without mercy the church of God and did my best to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> I was ahead of most other Jews of my age in my practice of the Jewish religion, and was much more devoted to the traditions of our ancestors. <sup>15</sup> But God in his grace chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve him.

God knows us and pursues because He created us for a purpose... For His glory!!

Therefore, our prayer should be...

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT) Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

(MSG) Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong - then guide me on the road to eternal life.