

“The God Who Knows It All”

Psalm 139:1-6



David's Perspective on What God Looks Like

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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." That's his wow in other words. "Wow! Unreal! Too wonderful for me!"

I. God's Knowledge Stated (vs.1)

"Oh Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up, you understand my thought afar off."

A. On A General level

1. This is called **omniscience**.

I. God's Knowledge Stated (vs.1)

God knows everything, he has infinite info. He is the ultimate knower of all things, past, present, future, everything we can possibly imagine, and God already knows it.

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And now they're telling us that accumulated knowledge doubles every few years, every couple of years, every eighteen months one report says.

The prophet Isaiah asked this in chapter 40,

"Who has understood the mind of the Lord?"

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Isaiah 46, "I am God. There is no other. I make known the end from the beginning."

B. On A Personal Level

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The three stages of Bible study.

There is observation, that's where you find out what it says.

There is interpretation that is where you find out what it means.

I. God's Knowledge Stated (vs.1)

There is application which is where you find out what it means to me personally.

I. God's Knowledge Stated (vs.1)

J. I. Packer

"Whenever we embark on any line of study in God's holy book, we need to ask ourselves, what my ultimate aim is and object in occupying my mind with these things?"

I. God's Knowledge Stated (vs.1)

What do I intend to do with my knowledge about God once I've got it. If we pursue theological knowledge for its own sake, it's bound to go bad on us. It will make us proud and conceited. The very greatness of such a subject will intoxicate us."

I. God's Knowledge Stated (vs.1)

Hebrews 4:13

"There is no creature hidden from his sight. All things are naked and open to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account."

II. God's Knowledge Studied (vs.2-5).

A. He Knows Every Movement

"You know my sitting down and my rising up. You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down. You're acquainted with all my ways.

II. God's Knowledge Studied (vs.2-5).

For there is not a word on my tongue, behold oh Lord, you know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before and you laid your hand on me."

II. God's Knowledge Studied (vs.2-5).

"You know my sitting down and my rising up.

Proverbs 5

"The ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord
and he ponders all of his paths."

II. God's Knowledge Studied (vs.2-5).

Jesus spoke of the care of the Father and he talked about two sparrows falling to the ground, they're not even worth a farthing. The very hairs of your head are all numbered.

The average person has about a hundred thousand hairs.

II. God's Knowledge Studied (vs.2-5).

Psalm 139:17

“How precious also are your thoughts to me oh God, how great is the sum of them? If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand. When I am awake I will still be with you.”

II. God's Knowledge Studied (vs.2-5).

B. He Knows Every Motive

"You understand my thought afar off."

II. God's Knowledge Studied (vs.2-5).

verse 17

C. He Knows every Moment of our lives.

"You comprehend my path and my lying down. You're acquainted with all my ways. There's not a word on my tongue but behold oh Lord you know it."

II. God's Knowledge Studied (vs.2-5).

God, "I saw that" that could be unnerving

1. It's unnerving first of all if you're not living right.
2. It all depends on what you've done about your exposure.

II. God's Knowledge Studied (vs.2-5).

Remember Adam and Eve in the Garden

Isaiah 61:10

"My soul rejoices in my God for he has clothed me
with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of
righteousness

II. God's Knowledge Studied (vs.2-5).

Remember the prodigal son? He came back and stood before his Father exposed, "I have sinned." His father immediately said, "Get the best robe and drape it on that boy." And he clothed him with the righteousness.

III. God's Knowledge Surrendered To (v.6)

"Search me oh 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 while.

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The Benefits of Rejoicing in the Omniscience of God

1. God knows the worst about you and he still loves you.

John Powell

“Why I am afraid to tell you who I am”

III. God's Knowledge Surrendered To (v.6)

2. Because God knows everything, he knows the best about you. He knows what others don't know about you.

III. God's Knowledge Surrendered To (v.6)

I John “If our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and he knows all things.”

III. God's Knowledge Surrendered To (v.6)

3. Because God knows everything, he knows the worst and best about you but He knows where you're going, what He's going to make out of you in the end, He who has begun a good work will continue it until the day of Christ

III. God's Knowledge Surrendered To (v.6)

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.