

"THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD"

God is omniscient—He knows everything actual and possible, past, present, and future. He knows Himself perfectly and knows all things in one simple, eternal act. He does not learn, forget, reason, or change. God's omniscience confronts sinners because nothing can be concealed from Him. He knows our actions, thoughts, motives, intentions, and secret sins. Every person will give an account to Him. God's omniscience comforts Christians. He knew every sin and failure of His people before setting His saving love upon them. God's knowledge assures us that we are never overlooked or misunderstood. God's omniscience motivates prayer. We do not need to explain everything perfectly because our Father already knows our needs. We ask because He possesses the wisdom we lack, and we trust His answers because He knows what we cannot. God's omniscience creates worship. The God who sustains the universe knows each of us personally and perfectly.

// GETTING THE MESSAGE

:: **Read Psalm 139**. In vv.1–6, David moves from describing God's knowledge of his actions to God's knowledge of his thoughts. Why is it significant that God knows *what* we do and *why* we do it?

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:: How does God's knowledge of us before our birth (vv.13–16) shape our understanding of human identity, value, and purpose?

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:: Why do you think David invites God to search him (vv.23-24) when God already knows everything about him? What does this teach us about confession and repentance?

:: Hebrews 4:13 says that everything is exposed before God, and Matthew 6:8 says our Father knows what we need before we ask. How can this attribute produce comfort in us?

:: What is the difference between being afraid that God knows everything about you and being comforted that God knows everything about you?

// GETTING TO CHRIST

:: In John 10:14-15, Jesus says, "**I know my own and my own know me**" and then He connects that knowledge to laying down His life for His sheep. How does Christ's perfect knowledge of His people magnify the love demonstrated at the cross?

// GETTING TO CHRIST

:: Read **John 21:15–17.** Peter appeals to Jesus' perfect knowledge after his denials. This encounter demonstrates that Christ knows the worst about us and still accepts us. How does this shape our assurance after we sin?

// GETTING TO YOU

:: If God already knows our needs, why does He command us to pray? How might God's omniscience change the *way* we pray?

:: If God knows our every thought, motive, and intention, what areas of your life are you most reluctant to expose to another person? What does this reluctance reveal about your heart?

:: Read **1John 3:20**. When your heart condemns you, how can this verse help you distinguish between genuine conviction of sin and debilitating self-condemnation?

// GETTING TO YOU

:: What practical habits could help you live more consciously before the God who sees everything? Consider your speech, thought life, work, relationships, and use of time.

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// GETTING TO OTHERS

:: If every person will give an account to God, how should this reality shape the urgency and content of our evangelism? How might it change the way we speak to unbelieving friends and family?

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:: God knows every person from every nation, tribe, people, and language. How does God's knowledge of the nations, combined with His redemptive purpose in Christ, motivate the church to pursue global missions?

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:: How does God’s omniscience affect our confidence and approach in evangelism? How can we avoid assuming that we know who is receptive to the gospel, who is beyond hope, or how God might be working in someone's life?

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