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God Knows you. Do you know Him?

Word:

Psalms 139:1-6

You have searched me Lord and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise. You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you Lord know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me too lofty for me to attain.

Sometimes when good things happen to us we tend to think that it was a great coincidence, or maybe we got lucky. . . we often forget that God intended it to happen that way. . . that He purposely sent those things our way because He knew what we needed, because He knew the desires of our hearts.

God truly knows us, He is very familiar with us — but do we know Him? We think that just because we have been Christians for a long time we already know God. . . but the true test of our knowledge of God is when we go through trials — do we rant out “God why have you allowed this to happen to me?” or do we rave “Praise you Father for the trials I know You have a plan for me.” Does not the bible tell us to “trust in the Lord with all our heart and not to lean on our own understanding.”

This is why it is important to know God. So that we know that He always has our best interest in mind and that He continually works for our good.

Psalms 139 reminds us how much God knows us. It says that He has searched us. The word *Search* means that we have been examined with pain and care. The Jewish people used this word to describe digging deep into a mine, exploring a land or investigating a legal case. This searching entails time.

It also tells us that God has perceived our thoughts. The word *perceive* pertains to understanding, distinguishing and establishing with insight. This is done not merely to gather data or information but rather to thoroughly understand something. God knows not only our thoughts but the reason why we choose to do the things we do. Hebrews 4:13 tells us that ***All things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.***

Psalms 139 reminds us that God knows us intricately. . . but more than that He continues to invest time in us. He surrounds us, envelopes us and is entwined in every aspect of our life. Why? Because God loves us.

His love for us is clearly stated in John 3:16 ***For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.***

Is that not amazing? God is all powerful, omniscient, omnipresent. . . the Creator of the Universe. . . the great I AM. . . loves us. He loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to suffer and die for us. . . just so that we can share in His eternal life.

He is concerned about us. . . He knows all our worries and anxieties. That is why He comforts us in 1 Peter 5:7 when He tells us ***Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.*** Isaiah 41:10 tells us ***So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.***

And yet we continue to live our lives drenched in worries and fears. We live as if we do not know God. We fight to exist independently of Him. Sometimes living as if we did not need Him.

Is this the kind of life we really want to live? Away from the grace and presence of God?

What then should we do so that we can continue to live with His presence in our life?

1. We have to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. (Matthew 6:33) We have to spend time in prayer with Him. We have to spend time reading His Word.
2. We also have to do our best to present ourselves to God as one approved. (2 Timothy 2:15)

God is Omnipresent and Omniscient.

Psalm 139: 7-12 reminds us that God is omnipresent. There is nowhere we can go that we can hide from Him. God is infinite. . . He is limitless and timeless. He is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end.(Revelation 1:8). He was there before He created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). And He will continue to be there when everything else has ended.

God knows where we have been and He knows what we have done. . . yet He still forgave us. Psalm 103:12 says ***as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.***

Verses 13- 18 reminds us that God is our Creator. We were fearfully and wonderfully made. This statement implies that God carefully with reverence and love took time to create us. Each one of us is unique and special. As unique and special as the plans He has in mind for us. He was planning our lives as He was creating us and therefore equipping us with everything we would need to fulfill His purpose for us. . .We are after all His masterpiece.

So the question is: Why do we continue to insist of taking control of our lives? Why is it so difficult for us to hand over the helm to God?

It is difficult for us to surrender our lives — because this surrender requires humility. To be humble is something that is very difficult for us to do. But let us take Philippians 2:3-8 to heart. ***Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.***

Let us always keep in mind that God can do immeasurably more than we can ever imagine. He is the almighty, all powerful Creator. . . all knowing and ever present. . . and yet He loves us immeasurably so. He has our best interest at heart. . . these alone should give us comfort and peace. Knowledge of who He is and what He can do should be sufficient enough for us to turn over control of our lives. . . knowing full well that we would be fulfilling His plans for a masterpiece yet to be unveiled.

Works: Journaling task

1. Enumerate some of the characteristics of God that you know. How do you feel about each characteristic?
2. What are the hindrances that you have in completely entrusting control of your life to God?
3. Psalm 139. Choose your favorite verse and explain why that particular verse speaks to you.