

[Online Soon textbook]

The Lord Knows You

Psalm 139:1-10

To be intimately known - even my innermost thoughts - can be both joyful or terrifying. Fear results when I am known by one who surveils me, and joy results when I am cherished by one who cares for me. God's knowledge of me is His ultimate expression of love and care for me. Even though the whole world might neglect me, it is enough for the human soul to be known by God. May David's confession bring about a deeper knowledge and a love for God today.

1. What is the first thought that comes to mind when Scripture says that God searches me, knows me, perceives me, and discerns me? What is the extent to which He knows me? (verses 1-4). Why does the Psalmist utilize such detailed words to describe God's knowledge of us?
2. God is with us in every location and circumstance. How does King David describe this reality? (verses 7-10) Share about your encounter with God's abiding presence in your life. What changes might occur in our lives when we are certain that our God "is there?"
3. Given God's intimate knowledge me and His unceasing presence in our lives, ask yourself how much you desire to know the LORD and walk alongside Him? What resolutions must you make to know the LORD and follow Him?

Emphasized in the sermon

- Isaiah 49:15
"Can a woman forget her nursing child,
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.
- "God walks behind us when we walk well-paved paths
He walks alongside us when we struggle through hostile paths
but He carries us and soars when there is no path."