

KNOW GOD : Omniscient

As one considers the characteristics of God they begin to know Him in a more personal way. In this series of bulletin articles on knowing God, we have made an effort to look closely at the qualities of the one true God of heaven that we all might get to know Him better. It is important to know God as the book of Job 18:21 states, "Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him who does not know God." Could this terrible statement be said of the nation in which we live today? What about your state, city, or even more personal, your home, and even your own life?

Those who truly love the Lord will seek to know Him more and more each day and with this article we hope to learn about the omniscience of God. God knows everything and so many people seem to try and hide their sins from Him in their daily lives. He is calling us to look upon Him and His will for guidance in our lives. If you have yet to make a decision about serving the God of heaven, let this be the day that you choose whom you will serve. He knows what is best for you.

GOD HAS PERFECT KNOWLEDGE

There are many people today who would be considered very knowledgeable. These individuals are sought out for leadership roles in the business world and for the position of teaching in scholarly places. Yet these same people in most cases fail to realize that the mind that they use to reason and make decisions with was created by the perfect mind of God. Hear the words spoken to Job in Job 37:14-16, "Listen to this, O Job; stand still and consider the wondrous works of God. Do you know when God dispatches them, and causes the light of His cloud to shine? Do you know how the clouds are balanced, those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?" Every time that you think of the God of heaven, you need to think of One who is perfect in knowledge.

GOD HAS INFINITE UNDERSTANDING

When we realize how wonderful the hand of God has made us, we should desire to live a life that praises Him. Because of the mastermind of God in creation, He is deserving of praise. The Psalmist heralded in Psalm 147:1-5, "Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers together the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He counts the number of the stars; he calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; his understanding is infinite." The Bible declares our need to praise the Lord for His infinite understanding. The Lord understands what is best for us and has revealed those truths in His will.

In some cases mankind will question God as to some event in their life that they cannot understand. What they fail to realize is that our minds are finite in comparison to God's infinite mind of understanding. In Isaiah 55:8-9 we read, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." The next time that you feel like questioning God, just trust Him to make the

best decision for your life and follow Him. In Psalm 139:1-6, the psalmist captures this attitude of trusting God to be with Him at all times and knowing his every step. It is written, "O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. 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." Notice that the psalmist didn't have to understand God's knowledge...he just accepted it and trusted in it. As David was about to die, he told Solomon, "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever." (I Chronicles 28:9)

Here's a little test for you. See if your knowledge is anywhere near that of God's knowledge. Try to count the hairs on your head. That's right! Reach up and attempt to count the hairs on your head. Okay now you can stop. Unless you are completely bald, I know that was frustrating, and you probably never completed your count. The point is that, in Matthew 10:30, the Lord said, "...the very hairs of your head are all numbered." That is right...the God that made you knows the answer to what would seem an impossible question. I don't know about you, but I am going to trust in God. In Rom 11:33-34 Paul penned, "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" I want to encourage you to obey the Lord today? Don't question His commands and His dealings in your life. Simply trust Him and be obedient to His will. He is the one with the perfect knowledge and understanding of your life.