
Sermon Notes

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First Congregational Church of Pomfret

You Know
Psalm 139

“Know-It-Alls”

- ❖ The confidence and self-assurance of youth!
- ❖ Everyone knows something about something, but no one knows everything about everything.
 - Will Rogers: “Everybody is ignorant—only on different subjects.”
 - Sir Isaac Newton: “All that I know is simply a handful of seashells, but the vast universe of God is filled with knowledge that I do not possess.”
- ❖ Only God has perfect knowledge
 - God’s knowledge is limitless
 - God declares by divine revelation that He is omniscient
 - God never learns anything new
 - nothing ever “dawns” on God
 - God’s knowledge of the future is as complete as is His knowledge of the past and the present
- ❖ A. W. Pink: “God is perfectly acquainted with every detail in the life of every being in heaven, in earth, and in hell.”

Psalm 139

- ❖ Psalm 139 is jam-packed with truths about God’s omniscience
 - David also highlights truths about God’s omnipotence and omnipresence
 - God knows everything because God is everywhere
 - God knows everything because God made and controls everything
- ❖ David leads us in worshipping our God who possesses perfect knowledge of all things
- ❖ No one ever taught God anything!
 - God never forgets anything
 - God’s knowledge stays intact forever
- ❖ God has perfect knowledge of me (v. 1)
 - my thoughts, my ways, my words
 - is that a scary or a comforting thought to you?
 - for David, God’s knowledge of him is not a threat, it is a refuge
 - never being out of God’s sight means never being out of God’s care
 - David is not like Jonah who does try to run away from God

What God's Omniscience Means

- ❖ The One who knows you best, loves you most
 - God sees into you and through you (Proverbs 5:21)
 - God's knowledge penetrates to the depths of your heart (1 Samuel 16:7)
 - God knows your motives better than you know them
 - even though God is fully acquainted with the depths of your sin and your depravity, He does not withhold His love and forgiveness from you
- ❖ For those who belong to God through faith in Jesus Christ, worshiping and serving an all-knowing God is a tremendous comfort
 - in trials and afflictions (Job 23:10)
 - when we are weak and weary (Psalm 103:14)
 - in times of failure when we stumble headlong into sin (John 21:17)
- ❖ We need never fear that our petitions and supplications are not being heard
 - God sees our sighs and tears and knows the desires of our hearts
 - God knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:9-10)
- ❖ God's infinite knowledge should fill us with amazement and awe

- God knows the number of our days and all the plans He has for us
- the whole of my life stood open to the Lord before He ever created me
- ❖ One day, all people will stand before the God who knows all things (Hebrews 4:13)
 - if you have not yet submitted yourself to the Lord and welcomed God's gift of salvation, do not wait for that day!
 - the God who knows everything is pursuing you so you might be saved
 - no matter how crooked or deceptive or deceitful you are, you can always go to Jesus Christ for forgiveness

Personal Reflection

1. Nothing ever catches God off guard. How does this bring relief to you in difficult circumstances?
2. God's omniscience is both comforting and convicting. Does the fact that God knows everything about you bring you comfort or leave you feeling unsettled? Why?
3. Read Psalm 139 again, pausing to consider the many truths David teaches about God through these words. How do the beautiful thoughts and ideas contained here fuel your worship of God?
4. The One who knows you best, loves you most. Do you believe this is true? Why or why not? If not, what is holding you back from welcoming and experiencing God's love in your life?