

ASTONISHED by God ~ Psalm 139:1-12

→Scripture Reading Psalm 139:1-6

INTRODUCTION

It is impossible for a FINITE being to understand an INFINITE being. Sibbes

God KNOWS us Intimately ~ Psalm 139:1-6

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and you KNOW me. ² You KNOW when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you KNOW it completely, O LORD. ⁵ You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. ⁶ Such KNOWLEDGE is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

God KNOWS everything; everything possible, everything actual; all events, all creatures, of the past, the present, and the future. He is perfectly ACQUAINTED with every detail in the life of every being in heaven, in earth, and in hell... Nothing escapes His notice, nothing can be hidden from Him, nothing is forgotten by Him... AWPink

IMPLICATION

→Because God KNOWS us Intimately - we Cannot DECEIVE Him

⁵ You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

The FACT that He KNOWS ALL things is BOTH...

- **Comforting**- nothing can touch me without God Knowing about it
- **Disquieting**- He Knows Everything

An All-Knowing Omniscient God is immensely THREATENING, which is why we try to BANISH Him from our minds. Boice

Hebrews 4:13 (NLT) Nothing in all creation is HIDDEN from God. Everything is NAKED and EXPOSED before His eyes, and He is the one to whom we are accountable.

APPLICATION

God Knows it ALL...

- everything **I DO**
- everything **I THINK**
- what **I SAY**

Response to God's Knowledge...

- **FEAR** if we are trying to HIDE something
- **COMFORT** He knows ALL about us

God is Always WITH Us ~ Psalm 139:7-12

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

God is Omnipresent- God is Everywhere from the highest to the lowest, from the east to the west, from the darkest to the lightest. He is Everywhere at the same time. There is no place where His presence is stretched thin. God's Knowledge and Presence Cannot be limited to any particular place because God's Sovereignty extends to every part of the universe He created. Expositors

IMPLICATION

→ God is Always WITH Us - We are NEVER ALONE

¹⁰ even THERE your hand will GUIDE me, your right hand will HOLD ME FAST.

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NIV) ...**Fear not**, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the **waters, I WILL BE WITH YOU**; and when you pass through the **rivers**, they WILL NOT sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will NOT BE BURNED; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³ For **I am the LORD, your God**, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...

APPLICATION

Because God is OMNIPRESENT...

- every WHERE we GO we are IN His PRESENCE
- every THING we DO is being done IN His PRESENCE

You can RUN but you can't HIDE

TAKE AWAY ??

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! (NLT)

⁶ Your knowledge is beyond my comprehension; it is so far beyond me, I am unable to fathom it. (NET)

Romans 11:33-36 (NLT) Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand His decisions and his ways! ³⁴ For who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to give Him advice? ³⁵ And who has given Him so much that He needs to pay it back? ³⁶ For everything comes from Him and exists by His power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.