Today we want to continue with our series of messages on “Knowing The Living God.” And in today’s message we are going to be looking at an attribute of GOD that is both COMFORTING and FRIGHTENING at the same time.

Everyone please open your Bibles to the 139th Psalm as we consider “OUR GOD IS THE ALL-KNOWING GOD.”

Listen Church to the Word of the LORD!

**PSALM 139:1-24 (NKJV)**

1. O L ORD, You have searched me and known me.  
2. You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
   You understand my thought afar off.  
3. You comprehend my path and my lying down,  
   And are acquainted with all my ways.  
4. For there is not a word on my tongue,  
   But behold, O L ORD, You know it altogether.  
5. You have hedged me behind and before,  
   And laid Your hand upon me.  
6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
   It is high, I cannot attain it.  
7. Where can I go from Your Spirit?  
   Or where can I flee from Your presence?  
8. If I ascend into heaven, You are there;  
   If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.  
9. If I take the wings of the morning,  
   And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
10. Even there Your hand shall lead me,  
    And Your right hand shall hold me.  
11. If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,”  
    Even the night shall be light about me;
12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day;
The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

13 For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When as yet there were none of them.

17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
When I awake, I am still with You.

19 Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God!
Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.

20 For they speak against You wickedly;
Your enemies take Your name in vain.

21 Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;

24 And see if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.
Introduction

Back in the 1600's live a Puritan Minister by the name of John Owen. John Owen wrote some of the most God-glorifying, God-honoring literature ever written. Listen to John Owen's eloquent description of Our All-Knowing God.

*He sees the inside of all; and what men are there, that they are to Him. He sees not as we see, but ponders the hidden man of the heart. No humble, broken, contrite soul, shall lose one sigh or groan after him, and communion with him; no pant of love or desire is hid from him,--he sees in secret; no glorious performance of the most glorious hypocrite will avail with him,--his eyes look through all, and the filth of their hearts lies naked before him.*

I'm sure at some time or another in a Sunday School Class or Bible Study lesson you have heard these three terms to describe GOD. **God is OMNISCIENT....OMNIPOTENT...and OMNI-PRESENT.**

That prefix “omni” means “all” or “universal.”

To say that GOD is **OMNIPOTENT** means GOD is ALL-POWERFUL or that God has power over all the universe.

To say that GOD is **OMNI-PRESENT** is to say that GOD is ALL-PRESENT or that He is present throughout the Universe.
And to say that GOD is **OMNISCIENT** is to say that **GOD is ALL-KNOWING** or that God has knowledge of the entire universe.

Dr. Tony Evans summarizes these three wonderful attributes of God this way:

*God knows what needs to be done—that's **OMNISCIENCE**.*

*God has the power to do what needs to be done—that's **OMNIPOTENCE**.* And God is always wherever he needs to be
to do whatever needs to be done—that's **OMNIPRESENCE**.

Well the focus of our scripture text here in **Psalm 139** is on **THE OMNISCIENCE OF GOD**. Perhaps the title under **Psalm 139** in your Bible reads: “**God's Perfect Knowledge of Man.**”

Over the next few minutes there are five thoughts I would have you to consider regarding **OUR ALL-KNOWING GOD**.

And to make it more personal, I am going to have you repeat each point with me as we go through the message.
First of all……

I. GOD KNOWS MY EVERY STEP

(Would you please say that with me?)

1. If you think you can make a single move without GOD'S KNOWLEDGE……..THINK AGAIN!

2. Let's just go down through some of these verses and you will see this truth.

(A) God knows my every MOVE before I MAKE it.

vs. 1,2a  O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up.

vs. 3  You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

What David is saying is that God is always one step ahead of us. God knows you are going to sit down before you even sit down. God knows you are going to stand up before you ever stand up. God already knows every where you are going to go today before you even go.

And when David says, “God is acquainted with all my ways” that means He has full knowledge of your daily routine. He knows your habits.

Before you ever pour your first cup of coffee in the morning, GOD knows what mug you are going to drink out of and if you'll have your coffee black or with cream and sugar. Before you ever place your order in a restaurant GOD already knows what you'll be having. GOD KNOWS MY EVERY MOVE BEFORE I MAKE IT.
(B) God also knows my every **THOUGHT** before I **THINK** it.

v. 2b You understand my thought afar off.

That's David's way of saying, God knows my every thought before I even think it.

Someone has estimated the average human being thinks a new thought **every 1.2 seconds**. That's about **70,000 thought a day or 490,000 thoughts a week**. And just think, **GOD** knows every single one of our thoughts before we even think them. **He** knows exactly what you are thinking this very moment. **He** knows if you are thinking on His word or thinking about what you are going to be doing after Church. **God knows my every thought before I even think it.**

(C) God also knows my every **WORD** before I even **SPEAK** it.

v. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

Remember that song we sang when we were little kids: “O be careful little tongue what you say. O be careful little tongue what you say. For the Father up above is looking down with love, so be careful little tongue what you say.

Yes, **God knows my every MOVE before I make it.....He knows every THOUGHT before I think it....and He knows every WORD before I speak it.**

**GOD KNOWS MY EVERY STEP**
Secondly......

II. God Knows My Every SORROW

(Would you please say that with me?)

**PSALM 56:8** (New Living Translation) You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.

**PSALM 34:18** (NKJV) The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

1. Parents can you remember a time when you walked past your son or daughter's bedroom and heard them crying? Perhaps your daughter's boyfriend had just broken up with her. Or perhaps your son had been picked on by some bullies at school.

   When you heard them crying did you just ignore their cry and go on? I doubt it! You probably went in their bedroom and wrapped your loving arms around them or laid down beside them on the bed and held them close.

2. If we as loving earthly parents draw near to our children when they are in sorrow, how much more does our Heavenly Father do that with all of us when we sorrow?

   **II Corinthians 1:3,4a** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles....

3. God knows every tear we shed. He knows every time we cry ourselves to sleep at night. He knows every time our heart is broken, and every time our spirit is crushed.
* You precious widows and widowers, GOD knows how lonely you are every day and night.

* You mothers and fathers who have never gotten over the loss of a son or daughter, GOD knows your sorrow.

* Those of you who were physically or sexually abused when you were young and the one who inflicted that horrible abuse upon you never paid for what they did, GOD knows the emotional scars you have carried with you your whole life.

* Those you who were ever forsaken by a spouse who left you for another, GOD knows all about your sorrow.

You will never hurt but what GOD doesn't know it. You will never shed a tear but what GOD doesn't know it. You will never suffer a loss, but what GOD doesn't know it.

GOD KNOWS MY EVERY SORROW

Repeat after me: GOD KNOWS MY EVERY STEP.

GOD KNOWS MY EVERY SORROW.
And next.....

III. God Knows My Every SIN

(Would you please say that with me?)

PROVERBS 28:13 (NKJV) He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

JEREMIAH 16:17 (NIV) My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes.

NUMBERS 32:23 (NKJV) But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.

1. There really is no such thing as “a secret sin.” You may keep your sins a secret from your spouse. And you may keep your sins a secret from your children. And you may keep your sins a secret from your neighbors and your co-workers. And you may keep your sins a secret from your preacher and your fellow Church members. But your sins are NEVER a secret to GOD.

ILLUSTRATION

When I worked at National Spinning Company back in the late 1980's and early 90's we had a problem with stealing going on at the plant. My supervisor and the plant manager had an idea who was doing the stealing but they weren't absolutely sure.

Well at that time most of my responsibilities at the plant were outside the building. So the plant manager and my supervisor came to me and asked me to go up on the roof of the plant at a certain time each day for one week and keep watch on the parking to see if I saw the person they suspected of stealing going to his vehicle. They even furnished me with a high-powered set of binoculars.
Well sure enough the very first day I was on lookout the man they suspected came out the side entrance to the building and slithered his way through row after row of vehicles until he got to his pickup truck. He pulled something out from under his jacket, slithered back through the parking lot and went back inside the plant, **not realizing I had been watching his every move.** Over the course of the rest of that week he did it again two more times without knowing I had been watching him each time. I confirmed to my supervisor and plant manager that it was who they had suspected. And he was brought in and let go from his job. They found out this guy had been stealing high dollar power tools, computer parts, expensive extension cords and even packages of toilet paper over the course of several months.

2. Just like that thief at National Spinning, I think a lot of us think we can keep our sins a secret. We look out the window and look over our shoulder to the left and to the right, and as long as no one's around we think we have successfully hidden our sins.

3. But just as I saw that thief's every move without his knowledge, **GOD KNOW EVERY SECRET SIN IN OUR LIVES.**

   -If you are **visiting websites you shouldn't be on,** it doesn't matter how hack-proof your password is or how well you have deleted your search history, **GOD KNOWS EVERY WEBSITE YOU HAVE VISITED.**

   -If you are **watching TV shows or movies you shouldn't be watching** **GOD KNOWS.**

   -If you are **carrying on an adulterous relationship with a co-worker or acquaintance, GOD KNOWS.**
GOD KNOWS what you talk about in every private conversation. He knows every word of gossip you spread. He knows every lie you tell. He knows every lustful thought you have. He knows every time you take something that doesn't belong to you. He knows every flirtatious move you make on a co-worker. He knows every time you cheat on an exam. He knows every word you say when you stub your toe or hit your thumb with a hammer.

THERE ARE NO SECRET SINS WITH GOD!

GOD KNOWS MY EVERY SIN

Ok, say it with me.....

GOD KNOWS MY EVERY STEP

GOD IKNOWS MY EVERY SORROW

GOD KNOWS MY EVERY SIN

And next.............

IV. God Knows My Every SHORTAGE

(Would you please say that with me?)

Matthew 6:6-8 (NKJV)

6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

8 “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.
1. There may be times when we find ourselves coming up “short” on something, whether it's having enough money to pay all our bills at the end of the month or having enough strength to deal with a stressful situation in life.

2. GOD always knows the things we are short on! He always knows the things we need even before we ask. Well, if He already knows what I need, why does He wait until I ask to give it?

Ray Pritchard Illustrates It this way...

Picture a father watching his four-year-old daughter trying to put together a puzzle. She tries and tries but she just can't get the pieces in the right place. Her father watches with great interest but he doesn't interfere. Finally, she comes over and crawls in his lap and says, "Daddy, would you help me put my puzzle together?" He smiles and bends down and together they begin to pick up each piece. One by one they put the puzzle together.

Now why didn't the father help his daughter earlier? For one thing, she didn't ask for his help. For another, he wanted her to try on her own. And most of all, he wanted her to ask him for his help. When she did, he was honored and gladly helped her finish the puzzle.

Is this not a picture of how our Heavenly Father deals with his children? Although he longs to come to our aid, often he waits until we specifically ask him. Sometimes he wants us to come to the end of our own pitiful resources before he intervenes. When we cry out in despair, he is honored as we express our complete dependence upon him. Every prayer is the cry of a child saying, "Help, Father, I can't do this by myself." (Sermon-“If God Is Sovereign Why Pray?”)
Ok, say it with me.....

GOD KNOWS MY EVERY STEP
GOD KNOWS MY EVERY SORROW
GOD KNOWS MY EVERY SIN
GOD KNOWS MY EVERY SHORTAGE

And finally......

V. God Knows My Every SERVICE

(Would you please say that with me?)

Hebrews 6:10 (NKJV)  For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

1. When we do our good deeds and acts of Christian service with the right motives we do it for the glory and honor of God, not for our own personal glory.

2. But I don't know of anyone who isn't greatly encouraged and strengthened by the appreciation and gratitude of others every now and then.

3. The truth is there will be a great number of things we do in our Christian service that will not only go unappreciated, they will even go unnoticed.

4. GOD KNOWS AND REMEMBERS every good deed we ever did and every act of kindness and service shown to others. And one day, God will reward every good deed that brought Him honor and glory.
Charles Haddon Spurgeon once said, *Man is all outside to God.* With heaven there are no secrets. That which is done in the private chamber of the heart is as public as the streets before the all-seeing eye. Hide nothing from him, for you can hide nothing.

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