



Christian Life Fellowship

Becoming fully devoted followers of Christ



I GOD AM all knowing

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Introduction:

We begin a series this morning that will take us through this month of March. God has revealed Himself in many ways. God spoke to Moses to tell him to release his people and let them go. Moses asked God, "Who shall I say sent me?" God said, "I AM THAT I AM." He is Jehovah: The one true, self-existent, eternal God. He has revealed Himself through nature, through His word, through His Son, Jesus and through His Holy Spirit. During the next four weeks together we will explore four of the facets of God. Today we will be talking about I GOD am all knowing. The other sermons will deal with IGOD am all present, IGOD am all loving, IGOD am all powerful.

Jehovah God, who created us and everything we see, is the God who knows all things. There is nothing that passes His knowledge. Our knowledge is finite. Here are some facts about the human brain:

- Your brain is capable of having more ideas than the number of atoms in the known universe! (Source: Tony Buzan, Head Strong 2001).
- All of your "thinking" is done by electricity and chemical
- If you could harness the power used by your brain, you could power a 10-watt light bulb.
- Your brain consists of about 100 billion neurons! That's about **166** times the number of people on the planet! It would take you approximately 171 years to count them all! (Source: Tony Buzan)

If that is the finiteness of the human brain, can you imagine God's brain? He is infinite in his thoughts and knowledge. [Psalm 33:13-15](#) - From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from His dwelling place he watches all who live on earth--he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

Today we are going to point our thoughts in the direction of an all-knowing God. Since my mind is finite and limited in its scope of what it can process and what it can understand, I cannot totally wrap my mind around the concept of a Supreme Being who can know everything past, present and future, yet I believe that God exists and is omniscient. *In what ways does that help me in my relationship with God and my faith journey?*

I. God in His knowledge sees ahead and provides.

The possibilities of our lives are endless. Even when we mess up, God still is the one who provides for us. In [Genesis 22:14](#) we read the story of Abraham taking Isaac his beloved, promised son to offer him as a sacrifice in obedience to the Lord's directive. It was there that God showed His omniscience; that is His ability to see ahead and provide. In fact, it tells us in this scripture that Abraham named that place Jehovah-Jireh [Genesis 22:14](#) - **So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."**

You must understand that it seemed like an impossible situation for Abraham. He wanted to obey God's directive, yet there did not appear to be any way to save his son from being offered up to God as a sacrifice. From my perspective, I am moved to read how Abraham made the trip believing God had already seen ahead and provided. What a type and a picture for us that God has seen ahead and provided for us One who would die in our place. Just as Abraham is ready to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, God speaks to him and tells him not to hurt his son. He has provided a ram caught in a bush as a sacrifice in place of Isaac.

Only an all-knowing God, who is intimately concerned with the details of your life and my life, knows us and loves us. Only an all-knowing God could act in such a way to rescue us from the consequences of our sin. Only a God with such knowledge could provide the ultimate sacrifice of His own Son for our redemption.

God knows your future. He knows your past and He knows your present. If I can leave you with only one thought this morning, hang onto this: God knows and has acted in your best interest on His knowledge. Your life is not a mistake, your life is not by chance, your life has purpose and meaning, and you need to trust an all-knowing God who has already provided the resources that are needed when there is nothing else left. HE KNOWS and has acted to provide in advance. [Romans 11:33](#) - **Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!**

II. God in His knowledge still chooses to love us

It is incredible that God knows us so well and still chooses to love us. When I think of the people of Nineveh and how God loved them enough to send the prophet Jonah to preach to them, it amazes me how he knew the condition of their hearts, yet chose to love them and give them opportunity to be saved. God has a message He wants us to take to the world. It is a message of repentance and love, of hope and forgiveness. Somehow He will arrange the circumstances of our lives so that message gets through.

The word that God gave to Jonah, the storm that came, the great fish God prepared to swallow Jonah, were all used to get the message through to the people of Nineveh. When Jonah got to Nineveh, he shared the message and people turned from their wicked ways and repented. A genuine revival took place. God knew what would get Jonah's attention and He knew what would get the attention of the people of Nineveh.

God knows and still chooses to love. There is no place we can hide from His love. There is nothing that can separate us from His love. God's love is shown in the conversation He and Jonah had about a vine and gourd that grew up to provide shade while he was waiting to see if God's judgment would come to Nineveh. The vine grew up in one day and the next day God sent a worm to destroy the vine. Jonah was more upset about the vine and his own comfort than he was about the souls of those living in Nineveh. God had seen the conditions of the people of Nineveh. He saw their sin, their choices, the waywardness of their hearts, but He still chose to love them and move with compassion so they would have opportunity for salvation.

[Psalm 33:13-15](#) - **From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from His dwelling place he watches all who live on earth--he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.** There are times when we as human beings think we have pulled one over on God. We exhibit selfishness, wrong attitudes and resentment. God sees and knows about all the good and bad things in our minds and hearts. We do not hide anything from God. We have to understand that God looks down on the earth from His dwelling place on high.

Psalm 139:1-6 - O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high. I cannot attain to it.

Just like parents know and understand things about their child that even their child doesn't understand, so God knows things about us that we don't always understand about ourselves. There are no limits when it comes to God's knowledge of you and me. We never go unnoticed. He counts and keeps track of the number of hairs on our head. He has ultimate extreme knowledge. God is so personal that He knows the thoughts and intents of our hearts.

The LORD God is both personal and majestic. We are never able to escape His sight or mind. We will spend every moment of our lives in the sight and company of an omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent God.

III. God in His knowledge only wants what's best for us.

Hebrews 4:13 - Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Conclusion:

A. W. Pink explains, "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, and nothing is forgotten by Him. He never errs, never changes, and never overlooks anything."

Consider Job. He was a man of God. He had served God with all his heart. God knew Job well and knew that Satan would come desiring to test Job. We will talk about God being all powerful in a few weeks. God gave permission to Satan to test Job. Job faced the death of his children and his servants. He faced illness in his own body. He faced the destruction of his home and cattle. He was bombarded with disaster again and again, yet he continued to serve God faithfully. What an example of a man of faith and determination.

God only wants what is best for you and me. Since He knows us intimately, He knows what will bring the best from our lives. The depth of God's mind and thoughts are way beyond my ability to comprehend. To think that God can know all things in the universe and yet He knows us with such personal detail and only desires what is best for our lives is a powerful thought.

If there is one thing that has been renewed in my mind and thoughts as I have prepared for this series, it is how vast God is, yet how personal He is. He knows the disappointments, frustrations, heartaches, joys, victories and decisions, which make up our days. If I could suggest an application for these thoughts today it would be this: The knowledge of God should impact your thoughts, your decisions, your words and how you live your life. Our lives should be lived to honor and please Him and to do His will.