

## O LORD, You Have Search Me and Known.

### Psalm 139:1-6

Omnes + Scientia = Omniscience. The thought of someone knowing \_\_\_\_\_ probably gives us pause. The current pandemic has reminded us that knowledge in the wrong hands can be potentially a dangerous thing. If it's in the hands of the right person, it can be exceptionally good. Imagine your doctor giving you the very best physical exam, all the tech, tests included. Do you think her intention here is to harm you? What if everything you've ever entered into a database, keystrokes, websites, personal info was accumulated into one place and that entity's motives were not good?

While our tech has developed over time, there's no test a human being can give that examines the human proclivity toward \_\_\_\_\_. So, any picture developed here is only partially developed. What we do know is that King David pointed out God's omniscience in his life and we have it in Psalm 139.

In our text today, there are \_\_\_ verbs that reveal to us \_\_\_\_\_ God is, \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ and Who We Are.

#### I. God Knows \_\_\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_.

Notice first that David used the name \_\_\_\_\_ in this verse. He reveals Him as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Covenant, the God Who revealed Himself to Moses. VERB #1 \_\_\_\_\_. David describes Jehovah doing a painstaking \_\_\_\_\_ into us. It's also used for \_\_\_\_\_ precious metals. He doesn't need an MRI to search us, no CT Scan, no Xray machine. Neither does He need to wait for eternity to give his results.

VERB #2 \_\_\_\_\_. Jehovah knows us. He's not some unconcerned deity who created the world and walked away to get a better view. The word "know" implies an intimacy. He is completely aware of our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ but also our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. David understood it was impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ God. \_\_\_\_\_?

VERB #3 He uses know, again. No matter where we go, He \_\_\_\_\_ you. You may be sitting, standing, or sleeping but, He knows.

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VERB #4 David uses a verb here that the ESV has translated "discern." Jehovah is able to understand us, deeply, regardless of our location. We may think if we can get to some private place, He is somehow absent. David had a different opinion here.

You can see the case for God being omniscient continues to build. Does our understanding of this attribute of God enhance our faith or does it cause us to shrink back in fear?

VERB #5 This next verb is translated "search" in the ESV. Some older translations render the word "winnow." It is used in threshing wheat. Throwing the wheat into the air and the chaff is blown away. The intense gaze of Jehovah that is able to separate the true from the false.

VERB #6 Here David uses an interesting word as well: \_\_\_\_\_. Jehovah, David wrote, knows very well all our ways. He is absolute aware of us wherever we are.

VERB #7 Again with the verb, Know. Jehovah's knowledge is so comprehensive that He not only knows \_\_\_\_\_ we are going to say but He even

understands and knows the \_\_\_\_\_ that precedes that \_\_\_\_\_.

VERB #8 Jehovah has \_\_\_\_\_ us in. It is as though we are \_\_\_\_\_. Behind us God is \_\_\_\_\_ our sins or even in grace \_\_\_\_\_ out the remembrance of them. We \_\_\_\_\_ escape and His hand is \_\_\_\_\_ upon us.

The immensity of understanding the omniscience of God can really do a work on us. It can \_\_\_\_\_ us for sure. If this is true, then as an unbeliever my sin is ever before Him and me.

However, for a fully devoted follower of Jesus, our response ought to be that of King David: This knowledge is \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

Romans 8:35-39

Nehemiah 4:15-23

Two weeks ago we examined the first part of chapter 4 and utilized an author's work on why

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success breeds opposition. That opposition was basically \_\_\_\_\_ at that point. Here in our text the opposition is potentially \_\_\_\_\_.

Remember that the people were surrounded by their enemies. This round of opposition was strong because of

- 1) The people were \_\_\_\_\_ when it came. Remember that they had been feverishly working and the wall was only about \_\_\_\_\_ finished.

I bet you have been discouraged when you were halfway into a specific job and wanted to quit. It probably would have taken only one little shove and it would have been the end.

- 2) The foes were very \_\_\_\_\_. These 4 groups weren't just going to go away. The opposition was increasing and the city was surrounded. They were plotting and threatening those who were building.
- 3) This opposition was beginning to have an affect on the builders. They knew

the number of their opponents and their strength.

These things were definitely a stress point and without \_\_\_\_\_'s leadership, the work probably would have stopped. However, Nehemiah had been \_\_\_\_\_, he knew the enemies' strength but he also knew their \_\_\_\_\_. He ultimately knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and was sure HE was on their side.

Nehemiah knew his enemies would not mount a full assault on them. They would most likely attack using \_\_\_\_\_. So that's how he prepped. He turned the city into a \_\_\_\_\_. Whenever there were rumors of violence having an effect on the work:

- 1) He \_\_\_\_\_ the work.
- 2) He \_\_\_\_\_ the people.
- 3) He \_\_\_\_\_ the people into \_\_\_\_\_ groups at the most exposed places.

Nehemiah knew that each person knew the \_\_\_\_\_ of the person beside them and

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would also fight hard because they were

\_\_\_\_\_.

The enemies were unsuccessful and began to be frustrated. Nehemiah did a wise thing by arming the builders. Think about this: While Nehemiah trusted God, he also equipped the workers for battle. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God was no \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

Let's always keep in mind that, if we are engaged in a spiritual effort, the enemies of God will most certainly be active. Knowing this, Nehemiah did these things:

- 1) He divided the people into \_\_\_ groups.
- 2) He devised a plan for meeting an \_\_\_\_\_ attack.
- 3) He \_\_\_\_\_ the building.
- 4) He kept people in the city day and night.
- 5) He also \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ by reminding them.

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