

The First Baptist Church of Columbus

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T I T L E: HE IS THERE AND HE KNOWS

T E X T: Job 37:16; 1 John 3:20; Acts 15:18; Romans 11:33-35

I. THE NATURE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE

- A. It is infinite. No beginning and no end... no cutting off point or limitations. (Psalm 147:5)**
- B. It is eternal. (Acts 15:18)**
- C. It is perfect. (Job 37:16)**
- D. It is self-existent. (Romans 11:33-35)**

God does not know what He knows through what I call "process thinking" i.e. through observation, analysis, consideration of facts, receptivity, etc. He knows what He knows because He is divine, He is God.

II. THE CONTENT OF HIS KNOWLEDGE

A. God knows Himself.

Implied in these two texts: 1 Corinthians 2:10–11 ---- 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

1 John 1:5 ---- This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

God knows what He would do and what He would not do. He can never surprise Himself—we can and do.

Insight: Maintain the attitude — there but for the grace of God go I when considering the failures of others.

B. God knows all things actual. Everything that exists and everything that happens.

Psalm 139:1–4 ---- 1 O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. 3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

Psalm 139:16 ---- Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

C. God knows all things possible.

D. God is always aware of everything.

III. THE RELEVANCE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE PERSONALLY

A. Familial security —

Nothing can ever come to light in the believer's life that would surprise God and cause Him to cast him out "No talebearer can inform on us; no enemy can make an accusation stick; no forgotten skeleton can come tumbling out of some hidden closet to bash us and expose our past; no unsuspected weakness in our characters can come to light to turn God away from us, since He knew us

utterly before we knew Him and called us to Himself in the full knowledge of everything that was against us. (Tozer)

B. Deterrent Sensitivity —

to sinful behavior taking seriously the warning passages of scripture. He does not speak to us on the basis of what might happen , He knows what will happen.

Proverbs 10:9 ---- He who walks in integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will be found out.

1 Corinthians 15:33 ---- Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals.

C. Comfort and Hope —

at least wise to a modicum measure. He knows what good and glory will come from events in our lives that we find perplexing and difficult to understand or even to accept. He knows and is the one who will have the last word in those situations.

D. Sober Christian Behavior --

knowing that someday we must all stand before an all-knowing God and give an account of our lives.

Hebrews 4:13 ---- And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.