

**“The Omniscient God and The King”**  
**#2- “God Knows”**  
**Psalm 139**

**CHS, Treasury of David:**

One of the most notable of the sacred hymns. It sings the omniscience and omnipresence of God, inferring from these the overthrow of the powers of wickedness, since he who sees and hears the abominable deeds and words of the rebellious will surely deal with them according to his justice. The brightness of this Psalm is like unto a sapphire stone, or Ezekiel's "terrible crystal"; it flames out with such flashes of light as to turn night into day. Like a Pharos, this holy song casts a clear light even to the uttermost parts of the sea, and warns us against that practical atheism which ignores the presence of God, and so makes shipwreck of the soul.

**TITLE.** To the Chief Musician. The last time this title occurred was in Ps 109:1-31. This sacred song is worthy of the most excellent of the singers, and is fitly dedicated to the leader of the Temple Psalmody, that he might set it to music, and see that it was devoutly sung in the solemn worship of the Most High. A Psalm of David. It bears the image and superscription of King David, and could have come from no other mint than that of the son of Jesse. Of course the critics take this composition away from David, on account of certain Aramaic expressions in it. We believe that upon the principles of criticism now in vogue it would be extremely easy to prove that Milton did not write Paradise Lost. We have yet to learn that David could not have used expressions belonging to "the language of the patriarchal ancestral house." Who knows how much of the antique speech may have been purposely retained among those nobler minds who rejoiced in remembering the descent of their race? Knowing to what wild inferences the critics have run in other matters, we have lost nearly all faith in them, and prefer to believe David to be the author of this Psalm, from internal evidences of style and matter, rather than to accept the determination of men whose modes of judgment are manifestly unreliable.

**Grey's Context and Outline:**

I have often and most assuredly told you not to believe the liberal critics. They do not get much right about authorship and if they miss that, why not all the other pertinent revelations of God. We are here given, by David, a song about the omnis of God. The writer's title infers the all knowing attributes of God to be all over this song but it is quite hard to separate the ever present and all powerful God from his knowledge. We will outline the psalm based on this. God knows everything about us. If a man chooses to think that God doesn't know what's in his heart, he better think again. All knowing means all knowing. God's omniscience is eternal and He is not in the business of learning. He is all knowing now and for all eternity. There will be no hiding from the almighty. There will be no know tricking or outsmarting the Lord. There will be no powerful entity to come along that will make a sufficient power grab of the Lord's ability. God knows every infinitesimal particle of your being and mind. Nothing escapes the knowledge of God.

**Matt 10:29-31**

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. 30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

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**Prov 15:3**

3 The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,  
keeping watch on the wicked and the good.  
NIV

**Ps 147:4-5**

4 He determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.  
5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his understanding has no limit.  
NIV

**Heb 4:12-13**

12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints, and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 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.  
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**Acts 1:23-25**

23 So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen

**Job 37:16**

16 Do you know how the clouds hang poised,  
those wonders of him who is perfect in knowledge?  
NIV

**Isa 46:10**

10 I make known the end from the beginning,  
from ancient times, what is still to come.  
I say: My purpose will stand,  
and I will do all that I please.  
NIV

**1 John 3:19-20**

19 This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence  
20 whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.  
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**Outline:**

- God knows me, v1
- God knows what I do and think, vv. 2-4
- God knows my blind spots, v.5
- God knows your limits v.6
- God knows where I am, vv. 7-12
- God knows my inner being, vv. 13-16a
- God knows my days, v. 16b
- God knows my greatest need, vv. 17-18
- God knows where I live. vv. 19-22
- God knows my heart, v.23-24