

“Comfort in the Know It All”

Have you ever done anything to annoy someone? That is a redundant question which deserves no answer. We just had a “sleepover” with our thirteen and twelve-year-old granddaughters. They giggled the whole weekend and then the topic of brothers came up. I thought, “This ought to be interesting.” They began to share war stories about how their brothers are soooooo annoying. The thirteen-year-old says it bugs her when her brother comes into her room while she is reading and just sits on the bed saying nothing. The twelve-year-old said, that’s nothing. When my brother (he is 15) wants to come into my room, he just bursts in without a knock and then starts talking like he knows it all. There’s not much comfort in an annoying brother who thinks he knows it all, right?

Our time in history has been recently called the Data Age or New Media Age. It is a historic period in the 21st century characterized by the rapid shift from traditional industry that the Industrial Revolution brought through industrialization to an economy based on information technology. We all know how easy it is to buy something on Amazon Prime and have it shipped to you within hours. Think about this for a second. According to Forbes, 90% of all data in the world was generated in the last two years. As much data as this New Age has produced, it is still limited. In stark contrast, take comfort in the fact that God is omniscient.

Listen to what the prophet Isaiah asked in 40:13-14, “*Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord, or what man shows him his counsel? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?*” The answer to all of these questions is “No one.” Since His knowledge is infinite, God never learns anything, nor does He forget anything. Take comfort that when you pray, you’re not telling God something He doesn’t know. He simply chooses to work through our prayers.

Take comfort that God knows every detail in our lives. I said every detail. Jesus even said to His disciples in Luke 12:7, “*Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered.*” For some of us, that is getting easier and easier, but yet it is still true. He intrinsically knows how many there are. According to what Isaiah said in 66:18, God knows all of our thoughts. David says of God, “*Before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely, O Lord.*” (Psalm 139:4) Further on in verse 12, he said, “*Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.*” We cannot hide anything from the knowledge of God.



Isn’t it comforting to know that in the vastness of the universe, we are not lost in insignificance. God knows us personally. You mean God will not forget us? He will not! You mean He always knows me and that I belong to Him no matter what? That’s right. David felt this comfort in his life, “*You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?*” That sounds kind of strange, right? Not really. In David’s time it was customary for hired mourners at funerals to catch their tears in a bottle. David knew that none of his trials went unnoticed by God. Not only does He know about them, He cares. Does this bring you comfort?

Maybe it is time in the midst of your journey on this earth to appeal to the Lord’s omniscience. Even when we fail in our sin, **God knows** that we still love Him. Peter kept trying to convince Christ that he loved Him in John 21:15. Finally, Peter said further on in verse 17, “*Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.*” I say it is time to appeal to the omniscience of God in our lives and when we do, we will take comfort.

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