

"ON BEING KNOWN BY GOD"

PSALM 139:1-6

I. GOD'S KNOWLEDGE OF A MAN IS A "SEARCHING" KIND OF KNOWLEDGE (139:1)

A. The O.T. Uses This Word "Search" In Many Different Ways

1. Judges 18:2
2. Deuteronomy 13:15
3. Job 28:3

B. There Are Very Few, If Any People, That One Can Ever Come To Know By This Method That God Employs Of "Searching" A Man

II. DAVID PROVIDES AN EXPANSION ON JUST WHAT EXACTLY IT IS THAT GOD KNOWS ABOUT US IN HIS SEARCHING (139:2-4)

A. A Familiar Literary Device Is Used To Highlight Opposite Extremes Of Possibility That Sandwiches Everything In Between

1. God Knows The Totality Of A Man's Possible Motions (139:2a)
2. God Knows The Aims And Impulses That Existed Prior To The Motions (139:2b)
 - a. He Knows It With Reference To Space
 - b. He Knows It With Reference To Time

3. God Knows The Totality Of A Man's Journeyings (139:3)

4. God Knows The Totality Of A Man's Speech (139:4)

- a. He Knows It All Plenarily
- b. He Knows Each Word Verbally

B. God's Knowledge Of You And I As Individuals Then, Is At Once Comprehensive, Minute, & Predating Our Own Knowledge

1. It Is Intimate & Personal
2. It Is Intensely Scrutinizing

III. IN THE END, GOD'S KNOWLEDGE IS CONTROLLING BECAUSE NOTHING CAN EVER TAKE PLACE EXCEPT BUT WHAT HE HAS KNOWN FROM ALL ETERNITY WOULD TAKE PLACE (139:5-6)