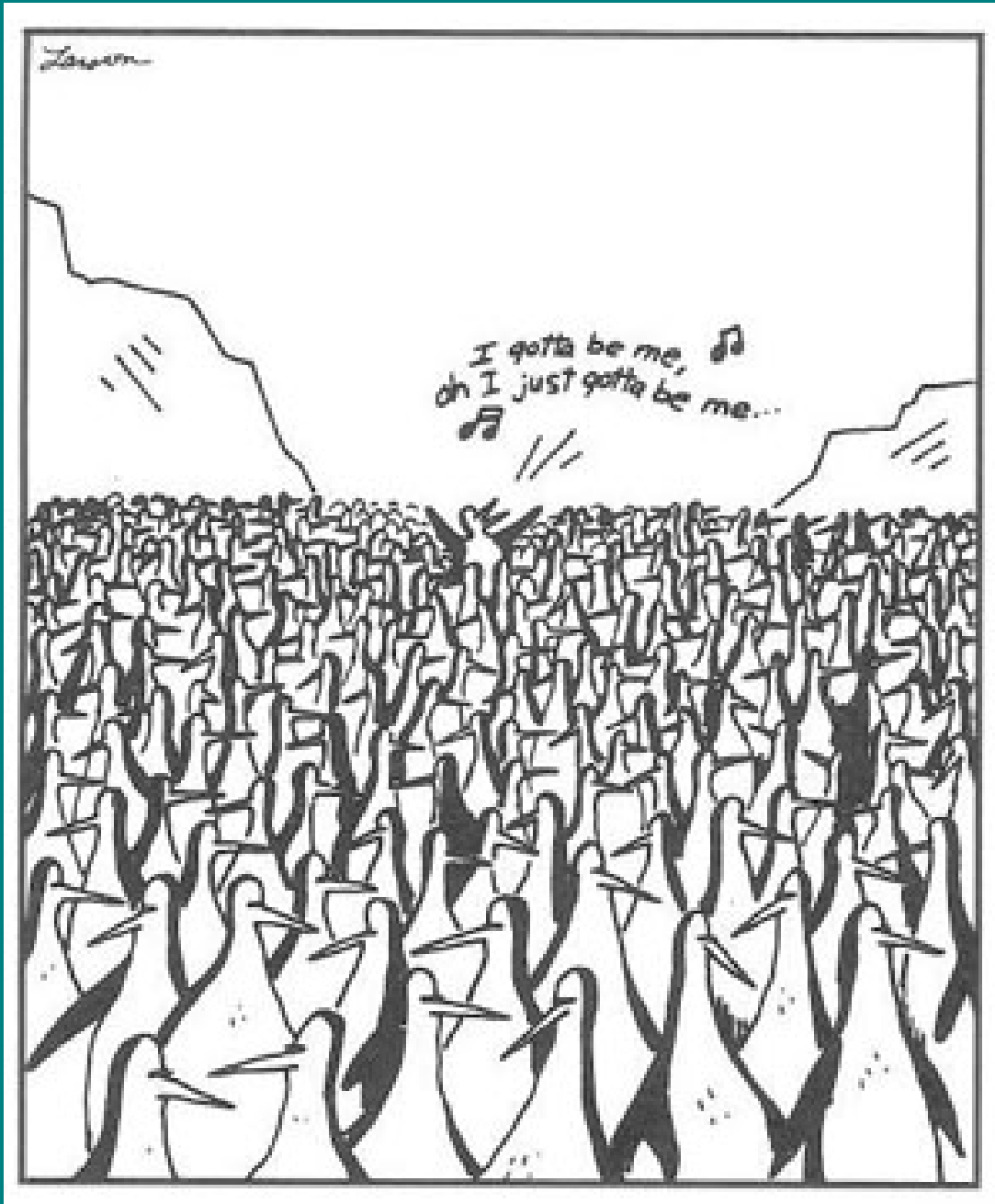


God's Perfect Knowledge of Me

Psalm 139



What Do We Do About All These Others?!

- Fusion
 - GOAL: Deny the differences

What Do We Do About All These Others?!

- Fusion
 - GOAL: Deny the differences
- Isolation
 - GOAL: Avoid the differences

What Do We Do About All These Others?!

- Fusion
 - GOAL: Deny the differences
- Isolation
 - GOAL: Avoid the differences
- Problems
 - Fusion produces confusion
 - Isolation produces loneliness
 - There is an Other Who we cannot deny or avoid!

What Do We Do About God?

- Fusion
 - We are not God
 - Nor are we just an appendage of God
- Isolation
 - We can't get away from Him
 - We can't run Him off

What Do We Do About All These Others?!

- Fusion
 - GOAL: Deny the differences
- Isolation
 - GOAL: Avoid the differences
- Intimacy
 - GOAL: To know and be known in spite of differences

He Knows Me Intimately

- I am completely understood by Him
(Ps. 138:1-6)

Psalms 139:1-6

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You understand my thought from afar.

³You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
And are intimately acquainted with all my
ways.

Psalms 139:1-6

⁴Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

⁵You have enclosed me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

He Knows Me Intimately

- I am completely understood by Him
(Ps. 138:1-6)
- I cannot escape His presence (v. 7-12)

Psalms 139:7-12

Where can I go from Your Spirit?

Or where can I flee from Your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, You are there;

If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the dawn,

If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

¹⁰Even there Your hand will lead me,

And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

Psalms 139:7-12

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"
¹²Even the darkness is not dark to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.
Darkness and light are alike to You.

He Knows Me Intimately

- I am completely understood by Him
(Ps. 138:1-6)
- I cannot escape His presence (v. 7-12)
- I am His workmanship (v. 13-16)

Psalms 139:13-16

For You formed my inward parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.
¹⁴I will give thanks to You,
For I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.

Psalms 139:13-16

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the
earth;

¹⁶Your 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.

My Response to His Perfect Knowledge

- I love His thoughts (Ps. 139:17-18)

Psalms 139:17-18

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O
God!

How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I should count them, they would outnumber
the sand.

When I awake, I am still with You.

My Response to His Perfect Knowledge

- I love His thoughts (Ps. 139:17-18)
- I hate His enemies (v. 19-22)

Psalms 139:19-22

O that You would slay the wicked, O God;
Depart from me, therefore, men of
bloodshed.

²⁰For they speak against You wickedly,
And Your enemies take Your name in vain.

²¹Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against
You?

²²I hate them with the utmost hatred;
They have become my enemies.

Psalms 68:1-2

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered,
And let those who hate Him flee before Him.

2 As smoke is driven away,
so drive them away;

As wax melts before the fire,
So let the wicked perish before God.

My Response to His Perfect Knowledge

- I love His thoughts (Ps. 139:17-18)
- I hate His enemies (v. 19-22)
- I desire His scrutiny (v. 23-24)

Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
²⁴And see if there be any hurtful way in me,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

Questions

- How do you respond to the differentness of others?

Questions

- How do you respond to the differentness of others?
- Where are you on the path to intimacy with God?

James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Acts 22:16

'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'