God’s Perfect Knowledge of Me

Psalm 139
I gotta be me, oh I just gotta be me...
What Do We Do About All These Others?! 

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What Do We Do About All These Others?!

- **Fusion**
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- **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
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• Isolation
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• 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.
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.
Psalms 139:1-6

4 Even before there is a word on my tongue,
    Behold, O LORD, You know it all.
5 You have enclosed me behind and before,
    And laid Your hand upon me.
6 Such 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)
Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
   If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn,
   If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

Even there Your hand will lead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
Psalms 139:7-12

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night,"
12 Even 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.

14 I 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

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

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.
My Response to His Perfect Knowledge

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

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
18 If 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.  

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

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

22 I 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)
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
And 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?
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• 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.'