

GOD KNOWS

Psalm 139:1-5 ... "O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid your hand upon me."

Children often have the misplaced idea that they can hide the truth from their parents when they do something bad. And, sometimes that works for them. Employees may get away with stealing from their employer. Spouses may get away with cheating. The more you find ways to hide the truth, the better you may become at getting away with it. The old saying, "practice makes perfect," can be just as true in dishonesty, as it is in developing a skill.

There is one person, though, that you cannot fool or hide from. King David, the author of today's scripture passage, found that out early in his life. No matter how much you practice deception and dishonesty with other men, God cannot be tricked. David tells us in this passage that:

- God knows you better than you know yourself.
- God knows every movement you made or will make in the future.
- God understands your silent thoughts and desires, no matter how secretive they are.
- God sees the plans you have in your mind, both the good plans and bad plans.
- God understands what you will say before you say it.
- God's presence surrounds you, even when you deny him access to your heart.
- God's hand of blessing is on you when you please him, but his hand of conviction is on you when you deserve that.

If you are living like a child, thinking that you can hide your sins from God, you are a fool. God knows, sees and hears everything about you, not just what you did yesterday, but what you will do today and tomorrow. God knows your plans before you even think them. God knows. God knows. Keep telling yourself this when you are tempted to be dishonest. God knows and he will exact a more painful punishment than your parents, employer or spouse.

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