

## CHAPTER 8

# GOD

# KNOWS

# EVERYTHING

Many people consider Albert Einstein the most dazzling intellect in history. Did you know that the beginnings of his theory of relativity came from an essay he wrote when he was 16 years old? By age 26, he had published five major research papers in an important German journal. For one of those papers, he received his doctorate. The ideas he introduced in those papers were so revolutionary that they changed the way we view the scientific universe.

When the Nazis came to power, they denounced Einstein's work, confiscated his property, and burned his books. Soon after, he moved to America and became a U.S. citizen. In 1939, Einstein learned that German scientists had split the uranium atom. He wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt warning him about the German discovery, which he predicted would lead to the invention of the atomic bomb. Because of Einstein's advice, the U.S. government established the Manhattan Project,

which developed the first two atomic bombs in 1945.<sup>1</sup>

Einstein's ideas impacted not only the way scientists think about matter, but also the way war is waged. They even spilled over into the moral realm. To Einstein's

shock, modern philosophers took his scientific theory of relativity and applied it to the moral realm as *relativism*. This philosophy destroyed society's belief in absolute truth and helped produce acceptance for situational ethics. While Einstein's discoveries about the atom have advanced the arenas of energy and medicine, they have been used to destroy physical and moral lives.

God is the only source of all knowledge, understanding, and wisdom; everything we know and understand originated with Him. As the prophet Isaiah declares:

Who has understood the mind of the LORD, or instructed Him as His counselor? Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten Him, and who taught Him the right way? Who was it that taught Him knowledge or showed Him the path of understanding?<sup>2</sup>

What great news! We do not need an intellect like Einstein's. We know Someone who knows the answers to all of life's questions. "Oh, what a wonderful God we have! How great are His riches and wisdom and knowledge!"<sup>3</sup>

### **THE GREATEST KNOWLEDGE**

What a person knows can lead to riches, power, and advancement. Major corporations and companies pay consultants handsomely for what they know. Consider the computer industry. Fortunes are being made because people want quicker ways to find and manage information.

In 1953, there were only 100 computers in use around the world. These machines each weighed many tons and filled huge rooms. Today, there are more than 110 million computers in homes, schools, businesses, and government offices. Some of the

newest computers are so small that they can fit into a coat pocket.<sup>4</sup>

Our knowledge base doubles every few years. College graduates often discover that what they learned in their many years of study quickly becomes obsolete due to this information explosion. Every day new discoveries change what we previously accepted as factual. Yesterday's cutting-edge concepts are being replaced by today's insights. These in turn will give way to tomorrow's breakthroughs.

Yet the more we learn, the more we realize how much we still do not know. To compensate for our lack of knowledge, we are always trying to build a faster, smarter way to access knowledge. Some of today's sophisticated supercomputers can perform nearly 32 billion calculations per second and can store a billion characters in their

memories. They can do in one hour what it would take your desktop computer forty years to perform. Scientists are also using technology called parallel processing in which they link networks of computers to be able to use each computer's idle time. The goal is to create a network that can perform a trillion calculations per second, a

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measure known as a teraflop.

At the same time, many of these scientists and experts reject the one Person who has the greatest knowledge of all. According to 1 John 3:20, "He knows everything." Our magnificent Creator God not only knows everything but also is the source of all knowledge. His knowledge is absolutely pure, totally true and accurate, and undefiled by distortions or wrong perspectives. Unlike man's knowledge, God's knowledge is never superseded or made obsolete by new discoveries.

Most scientists spend their lives trying to understand and solve the mysteries of life and the universe. But for our all-knowing God, there are no mysteries. He has a clear understanding of everything that baffles mankind. To Him, a teraflop is nothing.

### **OUR ALL-KNOWING GOD**

Theologians call God's unlimited knowledge *omniscience* (all knowing). What does God's omniscience mean? Nearly 150 years ago, one of the last century's great theologians, Stephen Charnock, wrote:

He knows what angels know, what man knows, and infinitely more; He knows

Himself, His own operations, all His creatures, the notions and thoughts of them. 6

Because God knows absolutely everything that can ever be known, He has never had to learn anything. He does not need a computer because all knowledge is instantly accessible to Him and He remembers everything at all times. He is never bewildered or confused or perplexed. He never has to figure something out; everything is always absolutely clear to Him. Nothing ever surprises God; He is always completely aware of all events because He sees everything. Nothing ever turns out differently than He expected or planned.

In this chapter, I want to highlight four areas of God's omniscience. They will help us more fully understand how much we can trust God with everything in our lives.

### **ONLY GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT HIMSELF**

As humans, we do not understand much about ourselves. For example, has anyone ever pointed out a task you messed up and said, "You should have known better than

that”? But you thought you did know what to do when you started—until you failed.

Now imagine what it would be like to deal with a god who has inadequate knowledge about himself and his creation. At Shinto shrines in Japan, people tie messages to tree branches to inform their gods of needs. These worshippers have never experienced a God who knows everything, so they operate on the premise that their deity needs the most elemental information.

Not so with the God of the Bible. He knows His own essence and infinite perfections. He knows what is unknowable to anyone else. First Corinthians 2:11 says, “No one can know what anyone else is really thinking except that person alone, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit.”

If God did not know Himself completely, then His knowledge of everything else would be incomplete as well. We could not trust Him with our problems. Let us take this a step further. If God did not know Himself perfectly, then He would be ignorant of His own ability; He would not know how far His power extends. That would mean He could not govern everything, for He would not know how to exercise His power. Let me give some examples of the importance of God’s knowledge of Himself.

As humans, we do not know ourselves, let alone what is going on in the heart of another person. That is why many of our laws when put into practice work against what they were intended to do. For example, malpractice laws intended to help patients injured during a medical procedure can also be used by a dishonest person to cheat the system out of millions of dollars. In a similar way, if God did not fully know His own holiness, He could not discern the difference between evil and good. Consequently, He could not prescribe laws or execute justice, for He would be limited in His knowledge of a person’s heart attitudes. But He does understand His holiness, so He is the perfect judge.

Second, if a king did not know his own authority or the borders and nature of his kingdom, how could he rule? His authority would suffer from serious lapses. But God does know every detail about His creatures, and His ability to rule in majesty and fairness is unequalled.

Third, in sports, we sometimes say about a rookie who makes it to the major leagues, “He doesn’t know his own strength.” Therefore, he plays well below his capabilities. We can never say that about God. No one but God is capable of truly understanding His divine magnificence and His many attributes.

Jesus tells us, “No one really knows the Father except the Son and those to whom<sup>7</sup> the Son chooses to reveal Him.” What we know about God is possible only because He has revealed Himself through creation, the Bible, and Jesus Christ.

**ONLY GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING  
ABOUT HIS CREATION**

Some people believe that our vast and orderly universe originated as a result of a massive explosion known as the “Big Bang.” This theory proposes that billions of years ago, before there were stars or planets, all of the energy and matter of the universe were crammed together into a big ball. Somehow, this huge ball exploded, which caused the planets, stars, and galaxies to emerge. Yet even renowned scientists admit that no one really knows how stars originated. Abraham Loeb of the Harvard University Center for Astrophysics says, “The truth is that we don’t understand star formation at

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a fundamental level.”

Where did the original matter and energy come from? How could life originate from the dead, inorganic matter of the Big Bang? And why do explosions today create only chaos and destruction instead of order and intricate design that is present throughout the universe?

How foolish to believe that this universe created itself. Truth and knowledge about creation can only originate with God.

**ONLY GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING THAT  
HAS EVER HAPPENED OR WILL HAPPEN**

Have you ever known someone who was a “know-it-all”? No matter what you say, he corrects you. If you tell a story, he has a better one. He parades his knowledge about the latest fads or news. Soon your ears tire of hearing him talk about what he knows.

Although God knows everything that has ever happened or will happen, He never comes across as a “know-it-all.” He never uses His knowledge in a selfish way. Not a single event throughout all eternity has gone unnoticed by God. In the Book of Isaiah, God declares, “I am God, and there is no one else like Me. Only I can tell you what is

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going to happen even before it happens.” His omniscience is vitally important to us. As we get to know Him more intimately, we realize that we can trust Him because He does know everything we have done and will do, yet He loves us anyway.

Some people are intimidated by God because He knows the end from the beginning—and everything in between. Statements like Proverbs 15:3 unnerve them: “The LORD is watching everywhere, keeping His eye on both the evil and the good.” They know that He sees their sin. This truth is disturbing for a husband who secretly looks at pornographic material and the employee who steals from the job. But God

who sees what is done in secret will someday reveal such behavior publicly. On the other hand, God’s omniscience is comforting to those who confess their sins as they recognize them. They know their sins have been forgiven.

### **God Knows the Past**

None of us have a perfect memory, and we sometimes forget incidents in our past that would be helpful in the future. As a result, we run into all kinds of obstacles because we did not remember the past.

Our omniscient God, however, never forgets the past. One of the marvelous facets of God’s knowledge is that He knows everything that has happened in the past as though it were happening right now. He has no dark recesses in his memory where some past action lies hidden. Since He knows our past perfectly, as we submit to the Holy Spirit, He illuminates what we need to know to take proper action.

The only time God promises not to remember our past is when we seek His forgiveness. God says, “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for My own

sake, and remembers your sins no more.”<sup>10</sup> Even though He is aware of our sins, He

consciously does not “remember” them after we confess them.<sup>11</sup>

### **God Knows the Present**

If God did not know all the present, then He could be deceived and misled. But God knows everything about all His creatures. The psalmist writes, “The LORD looks down from heaven and sees the whole human race. From His throne He observes all who

live on the earth. He made their hearts, so He understands everything they do.”<sup>12</sup>

We can compare God’s knowledge to a mother who knows exactly what her child has done and is doing. Mothers often intuitively discern the real motives of their children’s actions. If that is true of a mother, how much more is it true of our heavenly Father! God knows every good intention we have—as well as every temptation to rebel against His commands.

This can be very encouraging. For example, during Jesus’ final meal with His disciples before the crucifixion, He predicted that Peter would deny his Lord. Jesus says to him, “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back,

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strengthen your brothers.” Knowing the condition of Peter’s heart and that Peter would later disciple his brothers and sisters in their faith, Jesus prayed for him even before his denial. Jesus does the same for us today.

### **God Knows the Future**

For years, highly educated and experienced economists have predicted doom for the American economy, yet we are experiencing quarter after quarter of improved profits and higher productivity. Stock market consultants forecasted a market decline and advised clients to switch into safer financial investments, yet the stock market continues to climb to extraordinary heights. No one really knows what the economy will do. As someone once remarked, “If you lined up all the economists in the world one after another, you wouldn’t have enough to reach a conclusion.”

Now consider the foreknowledge of God. At one time, nothing existed but God, yet at any point in time, He knew the past, present, and future. He knew when He would create the universe, that Adam and Eve would sin, and that He would send a Savior.

To prove His ability to predict the future, God gave us hundreds of prophecies in the Bible. One that fascinates me is the prophecy that the Jewish people would be

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called together as a nation. The temple of Jerusalem was destroyed in A.D. 70 and the Jewish people scattered from their homeland. What were the chances that a people without a country could survive as a nation? Every other nation since then has disappeared into oblivion. But in 1948, the Jewish people reestablished their homeland in Israel. The odds are astronomical of that happening after nearly two millennia. God’s prophecies are 100 percent accurate because He not only knows the future, He also controls the future.

### **ONLY GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT US**

Occasionally when Vonette and I are talking together, one of us will say, “You read my mind; that was what I was about to tell you.” Sometimes I will be silently praying about something, and she will ask me, “Have you thought about such and such?” To my amazement, that was the very thing I was praying about. How does that happen? I do not understand it, but I know that if human beings can be so in tune with one another, how much greater is God’s ability to know our thoughts, discern our motives, and understand our weaknesses.

There is neither a thought in your mind nor a motive in your heart that God does

not know. That is an awesome thought! King David explains:

Oh LORD, You have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my every thought when far away. You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment You know where I am. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. You both precede and follow me. You place Your hand of blessing on my

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head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to know!

I encourage you to take a few moments to worship God because of His knowledge and love for us. One way to worship our incomprehensible Creator is by coming before Him in silence and awe. Shut out everything else; turn off the radio, television, or music, and come into His presence. Tell Him how great are His attributes and works. Then listen in quietness as His Spirit speaks and ministers to your spirit.

# LIFE APPLICATION

**EXALT YOUR GOD**—In silence and in awe, worship our all-knowing Lord with this Psalm:

Oh LORD, You have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my every thought when far away. You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment You know where I am. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. You both precede and follow me. You place Your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to know! (Psalm 139:1–6).

In your own words, praise God for His knowledge of your past, present, and future. Thank Him for His forgiveness of your past, and praise Him for the peace He provides in the present, and the hope you can have because He knows your future.

**REFLECT HIS IMAGE**—How have you been influenced by the idea that morals are relative? Do you really believe that God knows everything and that His way is best? Spend time in the Bible and gain His knowledge. Then you can be an instrument of His wisdom, which is “far more valuable than rubies” (Proverbs 8:11). With your knowledge of God’s Word, reject any relativistic ideas you may be practicing and reflect the standards of God’s Word in your neighborhood and workplace.

**SHARE HIS MAJESTY**—Do you have friends or family members who need to know that our loving Creator knows all about them and wants to have a personal relationship with them? God’s Spirit will help you find the words to say as you share the hope of Jesus with them. Today, encourage others with the Good News!

## CHAPTER 9

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# ABOUT US

Shortly after I became a Christian, a friend invited me to a celebration hosted by a man who headed one of the largest oil companies in the world at the time. As I went through the reception line, I knew I was just another nobody to this man. But afterward, the Holy Spirit began to impress upon me that I needed to talk to him about his soul. I obediently called his office, and to my surprise, he agreed to meet with me.

When I arrived for my appointment, I passed by all the various people who screen his visitors and walked into his office. He sat behind a big, mahogany desk in a high-back chair, not a sheet of paper on his desk. “What can I do for you?” he asked.

“Well, sir,” I said, “I asked you for fifteen minutes of your time. I don’t want to impose. I have come to talk to you about your relationship with Jesus Christ.”

Suddenly, he began to cry. As he was sobbing, he told me his story. He became a Christian when he was eight years old. After attending college and getting involved in business, he turned away from God. He said, “I haven’t been to church in thirty years. I have made such a mess out of my life. Some think that I am at the top of the ladder of success, but I feel like a great failure. I seem to have everything, but I have lost my family and everything dear to me.”

Before I met with him, I had no way of knowing where this man was spiritually or what he was going through, but God did. As I responded to the Holy Spirit's leading, God opened the door so that this man's life could be turned around. He spontaneously volunteered, "I will be in church on Sunday."

Only God knows us perfectly and intimately. He understands our desires, motives, and thoughts. Nothing about us escapes His notice. In fact, God knows infinitely more about us than we will ever know about ourselves. God also knows what is going on in the lives of the people with whom we come into contact every day. He knows their struggles and has the answer to their problems.

God not only knows all about us, but He will never forget us. He even keeps an account of the number of hairs on our heads.<sup>1</sup> God promises through Isaiah:

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have

engraved you on the palms of My hands.<sup>2</sup>

The reference to the engraving on the palms of God's hands is a prophecy about the death of Christ on the cross when the Roman soldiers drove nails through His hands. Christ submitted to death because of His love for us; the nail holes are eternal reminders of that love. No wonder we can have assurance that God will never forget about us!

Consider a few things that demonstrate how well God knows you.

### **GOD KNOWS HOW YOU ARE DESIGNED**

Do you ever feel that your parents do not listen to you, your boss does not respect you, or that your co-workers in the church, even the pastor, do not understand you? How devastating to realize that almost no one knows what you are like inside or the

dreams you dream. Take heart. Remember that God knows how we are formed.<sup>3</sup> As our Creator, He custom-designed us for a unique purpose.

David declared that the steps of a godly person are directed by the LORD.<sup>4</sup> That means that He will guide us as we live our lives for Him. God even "understands how weak we are; He knows we are only dust."<sup>5</sup>

This assurance was evident in the experience of a pastor of a small church. He

became so discouraged that he was ready to give up the ministry. A friend invited him to a prayer summit of pastors. When he got there, he confessed to his group, “I’ve been so defeated that I don’t even think God knows where I am.” But God did know where he was. The next day, the other pastors stood in a circle around him and prayed for him, and he had such an overpowering sense of God’s presence that he went home walking on air. God knew exactly what this pastor needed to be renewed in his heart and mind. He will help each of us in similar ways because He designed us and knows exactly what we need at every moment.

### **GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR PAST**

God is aware of everything every person has ever done—both good and bad. God told Jeremiah, “The human heart is most deceitful and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I know! I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions<sup>6</sup> deserve.”

In man’s system of justice, accused murderers are brought to trial, then prosecutors use every possible tactic to get the accused convicted. On the other side, defense attorneys use every possible tactic to get the jurors to believe their client is innocent, no matter what the evidence says. Jurors are often swayed by the skill of the attorneys rather than by the facts.

However, our all-knowing God accurately judges not only the actions of people but also the intents of their heart, no matter what excuses they give, no matter how long they seem to get away with their sins. In a later chapter we will learn more about God’s justice in greater depth. But let me ask you: What is your reaction to a God who knows every sin you have ever committed? Do you fear your future is doomed because of your past? He has not left us in a hopeless condition.

God loves you unconditionally in spite of your past sin. He will forgive you when you sincerely confess it to Him. We never have to fear that He will discover something in our past that will change His mind about loving us.

### **GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING**

### **YOU FACE IN THE PRESENT**

When we face challenges or difficulties, the fact that God knows all things is encouraging. Pastor David Jeremiah tells his congregation:

Our God knows what we are going through. He knows every minute of our

pain and suffering. He not only knows what we feel, He also knows why we feel what we feel. He knows how it happened, and how long it's going to last and how intense it is. He knows every emotion associated with it; and when you are going through such difficult times, all you can do sometimes is look and say, "Father,

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you know . . . you know."

Whatever your circumstances, whatever your need, God understands and will go through it with you. He knows about your hurt, rejection, and pressures. Your feelings and struggles are not unknown to Him, but He also knows the purposes for your trials. He wants to help you accomplish those purposes and to experience His joy through them. In Him there is hope for a way out and a better tomorrow.

### **GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE HE WANTS FOR YOU**

Amy Carmichael was one of the most beloved missionaries during the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. She served God in India for fifty-five years. Sherwood Eddy wrote: "Amy Wilson Carmichael was the most Christlike character I ever met, and . . . her life was the most fragrant, the most joyfully sacrificial, that I

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ever knew."

When she was growing up in Ireland, she desperately wanted blue eyes. With the faith of a child, she truly believed that God would change her brown eyes to blue if she asked Him. One night, she prayed fervently for blue eyes, then confidently went to bed. When she awoke the next morning, she ran to the mirror. Her same brown eyes were reflected in the glass. How disappointed she was!

Later during her years in India, she became aware of the tragic plight of many girls from poor families who were sold to Hindu temples as prostitutes. Amy began rescuing these young girls and bringing them to her home in Dohnavur to raise them and teach them how much God loves them. She would stain her white skin with coffee grounds and dress in Indian clothing so she could sneak into the temples unnoticed. One day as she dressed, she realized that her disguise worked only because she had brown eyes. Blue eyes would have been a dead giveaway! At that moment, she realized that one of the reasons God said no to her prayer as a child was because He had a plan for her future that involved the lives of hundreds of other precious little ones. God had known her future—even when she was a little girl half a world away.

In Ephesians 2:10, Paul tells us, "He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." God knew what He had planned

for our lives before we were even conceived. He understands our capabilities, opportunities, and life mission. We can trust Him with every moment of our future.

### **GOD KNOWS WHICH CHOICES WILL**

#### **LEAD TO HIS BEST FOR YOU**

As you were sitting in the classroom in high school or college, you probably thought many times, *I don't see any purpose in all the stuff I'm having to learn.* Or maybe you have a friend who is a sports trivia addict who can spew out an incredible number of statistics on players who were active in the '40s and '50s. What purpose is his knowledge, except to amaze his friends?

God uses His omniscience for more than categorizing information. Peter tells the crowd that Jesus “was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge.”<sup>9</sup> What was the purpose of this foreknowledge? To establish a way for us to have an intimate relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection would result in victory over Satan and eternal death. His purpose was our freedom.

God knew that once you chose to become His child, you would become “holy and blameless” before Him.<sup>10</sup>

Unfortunately, sometimes we think we know better than God does and do not listen to Him. How many times have you gotten impatient with the way your life is going and wanted to go directly from point A to point C? But it is not just getting to the destination that is important. God knows that by taking us through point B, the process of the journey will change us so we will be the kind of people we need to be when we arrive at our destination.

In Jeremiah 29:11, God promises, “I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (NIV). Following His plan leads to the best choices for our lives—right now, in the future, and for eternity.

### **GOD KNOWS YOU NEED WISDOM**

Because God’s Spirit resides within us, we can rely on Him as our Teacher, Counselor, and Guide into all truth. He is willing to share His great knowledge with us. God promises:

If you need wisdom—if you want to know what God wants you to do—ask

Him, and He will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking. But when you ask Him, be sure that you really expect Him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as

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unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

God is never surprised when we have problems, and He is always with us to help us. But believers often deprive themselves of God's solutions because they do not take

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time to study His Word. Or they may know the Word but not want to obey it or meet the conditions of God's promises. Thus they do not receive full benefit from God's omniscience.

Solomon writes, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will direct your paths." But God's help does not guarantee us a life free of trials and tribulations. In fact, James 1:2-4 and Romans 5:3,4 inform us that God uses our adversity, heartache, testings, and persecutions to bless us.

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Trusting God does not eliminate temptation either. Remember how we read earlier, "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are

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tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." We sometimes wish we knew what that way out would be. Yet when we accept the fact that the God who knows the end from the beginning is providing the way out, we can relax. He has the power to make us victorious.

God knows all about you and loves you unconditionally. I encourage you—yes, I plead with you—to open your heart to Him and determine to walk with Him regardless of the cost. Remind yourself every day of the truth of our all-knowing God. You will never again feel the same way about your daily personal fellowship with our wonderful God.

In the next chapter, we will put all of God's attributes of ability (omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience) together to discover another characteristic that sets Him far above anything or anyone else—His sovereignty. This attribute is one that gives us complete hope for the future.

# LIFE APPLICATION

**WRITE IT ON YOUR HEART**—Commit the following statement and verses to memory. Then as you encounter situations during this week where you need God’s wisdom, claim these promises by faith.

- Because God knows everything, I can go to Him with all my questions and concerns.
- James 1:5,6—“If you need wisdom—if you want to know what God wants you to do—ask Him, and He will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking. But when you ask Him, be sure that you really expect Him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.”
- Psalm 147:5—“How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!”

**COUNT ON GOD**—It is often difficult to trust other people. They can be wishy-washy or simply forget to do something they have promised. But God never forgets! Spend time in God’s Word gathering His many promises. Choose one that applies to a situation you are facing right now and trust Him to fulfill it.

**OBEY GOD**—God not only knows the past, present, and future, He knows what is best for you. Is there something you have been reluctant to do? Decide today to do everything God’s way and obey Him in the areas you turned over to Him.