

SESSION 7

GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING (A)

Lesson Plan

RECOMMENDED READING
Chapter 8 “God Knows Everything”

INTRODUCTION (5 MINUTES)

Today’s lesson is about our God who knows everything. At times we have all wondered what our life would be like if we had made different decisions in the past. If we had only known then what we know now, our choices could have been based on more accurate information. Perhaps we would have a better educational degree, a better career, a better marriage, or a better residence.

- ❓ How would your life be different today if you had made more informed decisions in the past?
- ❓ What resulted because of your lack of knowledge?

Our God never makes uninformed decisions. He knows everything. He even has full understanding of what would have happened if a different choice had been made. Let’s ask the Holy Spirit to teach us about God’s unlimited knowledge, and ask Him to help us become more dependent on Him for truth and wisdom.

Lead the group in prayer.

VIDEO TEACHING SEGMENT:
GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING (20 MINUTES)

The cue graphic on the videotape is “Lesson 4” (the video segments are divided by attributes).

As we watch today’s video, be sure to follow along on the Video Outline on page 23 of your Study Guide.

GROUP DISCUSSION (19 MINUTES)

- ❓ What new insights did you receive from the video about how God knows everything?
- ❓ What is your reaction to Dr. Bright’s statement, “God is not bound by time or space”?
- ❓ Dr. Bright pointed out that we must be obedient to respond to the Holy Spirit’s leading. How does that make you feel?
- ❓ Point 4 on your outline lists five statements. Which statement is most meaningful to you?
- ❓ Our “Because” statement for this session, at the bottom of your Video Outline, is “Because God knows everything, I will go to Him with all my questions and concerns.” Why is this often difficult?

CLOSING PRAYER (1 MINUTE)

Lead the group in a closing prayer.

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Video Outline



“Oh, what a wonderful God we have! How great are His riches and wisdom and knowledge!” (Romans 11:33,34)

“How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!” (Psalm 147:5)

1. **Only God knows everything about Himself.**

(Matthew 11:27)

2. **Only God knows everything about His creation.**

(Hebrews 4:13)

3. **Only God knows everything that has ever happened or will happen.**

(Isaiah 46:9,10)

4. **Only God knows everything about us.**

(Psalm 139:1–6)

- God knows how we are designed. (Psalm 103:14)
- God knows everything about our past. (Jeremiah 17:9,10)
- God knows the challenges we face in our current situations. (James 1:2–4)
- God knows the future He wants for us. (Ephesians 2:10)
- God knows what choices will lead to His best for us. (Jeremiah 29:11; Isaiah 40:13,14; 1 John 1:9)

*Because God knows everything,
I will go to Him with all my questions and concerns.*

RECOMMENDED READING

GOD: Discover His Character, Chapter 8 “God Knows Everything”

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Chapter 9 “God Knows Everything About Us”

REVIEW (5 MINUTES)

Lead the group in prayer.

Today’s lesson is a continuation of our last session on “God Knows Everything.” If you’ve had the opportunity to do the recommended reading, you know that in Chapter 8 Dr. Bright explains in detail how God is the only source of all knowledge, understanding, and wisdom; everything we know and understand originated with Him.

- ❑ Why do you think it is important for us to have a clear understanding of this attribute of God—that He knows everything?
- ❑ Why is this fact difficult for people to accept?

BIBLE STUDY (20 MINUTES)

As we continue our study of God’s knowledge of all things, turn to page 24 in your Study Guide. Our Bible Study includes some biblical examples that illustrate the supreme knowledge of God. Let’s see what we can learn from these examples.

VIDEO ILLUSTRATION SEGMENT:
LIFE’S MYSTERIES (8 MINUTES)

LIFE APPLICATION (10 MINUTES)

- ❑ In this session Dr. Bright observes, “God knows everything about your situation, and is willing to help you.” What is your reaction to this?

Our God knows absolutely everything. We must constantly seek His wisdom and understanding for our lives. No matter what we are facing, God can guide us. His solutions are flawless. His guidance

will enable us to experience an eternity filled with His best.

The Life Application steps for today are on pages 26 and 27 in your Study Guide. Let’s look together at the “Reflect His Image” question at the top of page 27.

- ❑ Do you really believe that God knows everything, and that His way is best?
- ❑ How can we become more secure in the knowledge that God really does know everything?

CLOSING PRAYER (2 MINUTES)

As we look at the section “Exalt Your God” on page 26, we are instructed to use the words of Psalm 139 as a praise prayer and then to praise God for His knowledge of the past, present, and future. I’ll read the psalm to open our prayer time and then we’ll go around the circle and each person can add one sentence of praise related to all that we’ve discussed today.

If your group is quite large, it would be wise to break into smaller groups of four to six.

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Bible Study**1. Our God knows all possible scenarios for the future.**

Read Jeremiah 38:14–20 and 39:1–8.

- a. What options did King Zedekiah have for his future?
- b. How did Jeremiah know what would happen in the future?
- c. What course did King Zedekiah choose?
- d. What happened as a result?
- e. What do you do when God leads you in a direction that seems scary to you?

2. God knows what we should do.

Read 1 Samuel 23:1–13.

- a. When did David seek direction from God?
- b. What was the result of David's choices?
- c. Do most believers you know consistently seek direction from God? Why or why not?
- d. In what ways can you follow David's example in seeking God's direction whenever you must make an important decision?

3. God wants us to ask Him for wisdom.

Read James 1:5–7.

- a. How does doubt affect receiving wisdom from God?
- b. How should we approach God for wisdom?
- c. In what ways would a new approach to seeking wisdom from God change your life?

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Life Application**WRITE IT ON YOUR HEART**

Memorize the following statement and verses. As you encounter situations during this week where you need God's wisdom, claim these promises by faith.

- Because God knows everything, I will 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.”

EXALT YOUR GOD

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 and hope you can have because He knows your future.

Life Application (continued)

REFLECT HIS IMAGE

Do you really believe that God knows everything, and that His way is best?

Become a dedicated student of His Word. Spend time in the Bible and gain His knowledge. Then you can be a channel of His wisdom, which is “far more valuable than rubies” (Proverbs 8:11).

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 some time in God’s Word finding His many promises. Choose one that applies to your situation 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 all things.

SHARE HIS MAJESTY

Do you have friends or family members who need to hear that their loving Creator knows all about them and wants to have a personal relationship with them? God even knows the words you need to say as you share the hope of Jesus with them. Encourage them with the good news today.

RECOMMENDED READING

GOD: Discover His Character, Chapter 9 “God Knows Everything About Us”

If you would like to download the entire GOD: Discover His Character Bible Study (which covers all the attributes) for free. You'll find it by visiting our Resources section:

<http://DiscoverGod.com/resources>

