

## God Knows All About It

**“And [Peter] said to Him, ‘Lord, You know all things;  
You know that I love You.”**

**– John 21: 17 –**

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I often think of the conversation between Job and God in the final chapters of Job where it almost sounds like the prophet says to himself, “Oh, I get it now. I take back everything I said. I see what You’re saying. I have heard about You, but now I see You.”

It is comforting to know that in the vastness of the universe, I’m not lost in insignificance, and God knows me personally. Even more profoundly, He knows me better than I know myself! I wonder if some godly people in Malachi’s time had similar thinking? Malachi spoke words of judgment against the wicked, but the faithful believers feared that God might forget them and they too might be consumed by God’s wrath. “Then those who feared the Lord spoke often to one another, and the Lord gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who esteem His name. ‘And they will be Mine.’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.’” (Mal. 3:16-17) God has a book, and He doesn’t forget who belongs in it. I know that God knows me and that I belong to Him.

David as well found comfort in God’s omniscience. He said, “You have taken account of my wanderings; put my tears in Your bottle; are they not in Your book?” (Ps. 56:8) It was customary for hired mourners at funerals in David’s time to catch their tears in ‘tear bottles’ to prove they earned their money. David knew that none of his trials went unnoticed by God. Not only does He know about them, they are stored in His memory. One theologian put it

this way: “Let my distresses, and the tears I have shed in consequence of it, be ever before Thee; let them excite Thy kind remembrance of me, and plead with Thee to grant the relief I stand in need of.”

Are you frustrated sometimes in your Christian walk as you see sin in your life? Know this – God knows that you still love Him in spite of our failings. In John 21, Peter kept trying to convince His Lord that he loved Him, although his words and actions didn’t always prove it. Finally Peter said, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” (v.17) Peter appealed to the Lord’s omniscience. We can do the same when we stumble.

“I belong to the King, and He loves me I know,  
For His mercy and kindness so free  
Are unceasingly mine wheresoever I go,  
And my Refuge unfailing is He.”

– From the hymn “I Belong to the King”, by Ida L. Reed, 1896

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