

DEVOTION FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER

God Knows Me

Psalm 139:1-6 - LORD, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

There is a Negro spiritual entitled "Nobody knows the trouble I have seen." Some very famous singers such as Marian Anderson, Lena Horne, Louis Armstrong, Harry James among others have recorded it. The early words are: *Nobody knows the trouble I've been through, Nobody knows my sorrow, Nobody knows the trouble I've seen, Glory hallelujah! Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down, Oh, yes, Lord, Sometimes I'm almost to the ground, Oh, yes, Lord.*

There are times we would like to join in the singing of this song. Along with the trouble, we often feel like no one even knows that we exist let alone knows of our struggles. We want to scream out, "Look at me." "Know me for the person I am." "Know what I go through with this disease." "Know what love I need now."

Well, many people around us may not know or even be interested. BUT, God does and He does care for us. Psalm 139:1-6 printed above tells us how thoroughly our loving God knows us. Matthew 10:29-30 shows not only God's knowledge of us and our needs, but also reassures of His constant care for us when it says: **Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.**

Knowing how great God's knowledge and love is for us, we can speak a doxology recorded in Romans 11:33-36. ³³ **Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!** ³⁴ **"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"** ³⁵ **"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"** ³⁶ **For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

Lord, knowing how well you know and care for me is very humbling as well as extremely comforting. Thank you for such powerful words from your Scripture! Thank you for **"not sparing your own Son, but giving Him up for us all – how will you give us all things"** (Romans 8:32). Thank you for such wonderful awareness. Please assure me constantly of your knowledge of me and your steadfast love. Amen