

# THE PORTRAIT OF GOD: 2004 National Conference

## Message #6

### **A Knowledge With No End: The Omniscience of God Dr. Sinclair Ferguson**

In this session, Sinclair Ferguson will explain the meaning of God's omniscience, demonstrating how it is taught throughout the Scriptures. We are reminded of how a proper understanding of this attribute of our great God is a true comfort to believers.

The Principle text for this message is Psalm 139.

What is it about the subject of the omniscience of God that makes it a most complex subject to think about and teach?

What is the consequence or only right response to the consideration of these truths? Hint: Ecclesiastes 12:10-12

#### I. THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

- a. The extent of God's knowledge is utterly amazing
- b. We are fully known... Our thoughts are fully known... our words.
- c. True for himself and amazingly for all men in all times and places

#### II. THE IMMENSITY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

- a. Vs. 11 Even the darkness is not night to you... darkness as day.
- b. Words and images are used to try communicate reality
- c. God's ways and knowledge not dependent upon sensory perception.
- d. Rather all things depend upon his knowledge.
- e. Compared to development of child in the womb... and yet this is illustrative of extent and breadth of knowledge of God.

#### III. THE INCOMPARABILITY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

- a. God knows things in a way we as creatures cannot.
- b. His knowledge is independent of the world.
- c. Some dispute the possibility of the extent of God's knowledge... want to make limited and conditional.
- d. Speak of middle knowledge (media Scientia). Diminishes what spoken here and other places. Isaiah 40 for instance

#### IV. THE PRACTICALITY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

- a. Mighty source of believer's security and comfort.
- b. Answers our deep insecurities. Your heavenly Father knows your needs
- c. Unmasks the nature of man's iniquity. Long to know and be known.
- d. Such knowledge too wonderful for us.
- e. Jesus speaks with this kind of knowledge. Matthew 7:22 "not know you