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"God – Knows Everything"  
Isaiah 40:12-17; 46:8-10, Psalm 139:1-6**

The internet has opened the entire world to us. We go on line with our computer, and there it is, the world at our fingertips.

And what do we have available to us in the world of the internet? Knowledge, knowledge and information of all kinds. We are able to access libraries, and other resources. In fact, one doesn't even have to have much of a library any more. For me, commentaries and all kinds of helps can be accessed on the internet. Computer software can be purchased which has all kinds of resources at my disposal.

Yes the knowledge and information available to us today has been called the "information highway."

In fact a study by the University of California, Berkeley, done at the end of 2002, and published in October 2003, reported that the information produced world-wide that year would amount to 30 feet of books for each person living on earth. This represents an increase of total information in the world of 30% in one year (similar rate to that of previous years). I'm sure there is much more increase today.

Wilfred J. Hahn, a global economist/strategist, and also a biblical believer, who refers to this study in an article entitled, "Less Understanding In An Age Of Knowledge," also asks this question, "How much data exists today?"

He continues by saying that "researchers measure information in terms of what are called exabytes – an electronic storage unit. To get a sense of the scale of this unit, consider that one typical typewritten page would amount to approximately 2,000 bytes. The number of bytes in one exabyte would require 18 zeros. This number is so large it is difficult for us to conceive. How big is an exabyte? According to the study's estimate, all the words spoken by all human beings that ever lived would amount to 5 exabytes of information. Interestingly, for the three-year period surveyed by the above-mentioned report, total recorded information increased by 5.4 exabytes . . . . in other words, by more than all the words ever spoken in human creation.

**Yes, information is booming in our world. Knowledge is increasing. Man continues to learn.**

**How does this compare to the biblical God?**

**What does our text say in Isaiah 40:13-14?**

**"Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has informed Him? With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge and informed Him of the way of understanding?"**

**Then Isaiah 46:9-10.**

**"Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.'"**

**The Psalmist concurs,**

**"O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and you are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it all. You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it" (Psalm 139:1-6).**

**Paul had this to say about the knowledge of God.**

**"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways. Then he quotes the passage we read from Isaiah 40:13, "For who has known the mind of the LORD, or who became His counselor?" Then Paul quotes from**

**Job 35:7, "Who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to Him again?" For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11:33-35).**

**What are these verses saying about the biblical God and His knowledge?**

**I. The biblical God knows everything actual and possible (Isaiah 40:13-14).**

He doesn't need to be taught anything.

He doesn't have to learn anything.

He has never had to learn, which means He can not learn.

He has possessed, then, all knowledge eternally.

He knows all that can ever be known – past, present, and future – all at the same time. This does with the thinking that God can't know the future until it happens, which is totally against God who knows everything that can be known, past, present, and future.

He knows everything equally well.

**Tozer puts it this way in his classic book, "The Knowledge Of the Holy."**

**"God knows instantly and effortlessly all matter and all matters, all mind and every mind, all spirit and all spirits, all being and every being, all creature hood and all creatures, every plurality and all pluralities, all law and every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all enigmas, all feeling, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motion, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven, and hell.**

He never discovers anything.

He is never surprised at anything.

He never wonders about anything.

Yes, God knows Himself perfectly.

"The thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God" (I Corinthians 2:11).

**Since the biblical God knows everything actual and possible . . .**

**II. The biblical God is the source of all eternal, true, pure, and absolute knowledge.**

**Notice I said, eternal, true, pure and absolute knowledge, for there is a lot of knowledge today that is not of that description, and is directly opposed to the biblical God and His knowledge. In fact we would expect that the biblical eternal, personal, and holy God to have knowledge that is eternal, true, pure, and absolute knowledge.**

**This means - - -**

**1.The biblical God can not lie and will not lie.**

**It is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews. 6:18).**

**Is God a man that He should lie? (Numbers 23:19). Answer is, "No."**

When the biblical God gives out knowledge, it is completely dependable and reliable. He never puts a spin on His knowledge. He never deceives and tries to trick us with his knowledge. How unlike what man tries to do with information that he presents. That's why the news we receive must be evaluated for many times it has a spin on it, giving us what we want to hear, rather than the truth.

**2.The biblical God has unchanging ultimate reality in Himself.**

**Deuteronomy 32:4 – the biblical God is called a "God of truth (steadfastness), and without iniquity" (KJV).**

**Isaiah 65:16 – Because he who is blessed in the earth shall be blessed by the God of truth (steadfastness) ; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; . . .**

**Zechariah 8:8 – "I will be their God in truth and righteousness." As God talks to Israel about their future restoration to Himself and to their land.**

**Romans 1:25 – "who exchanged the truth of God for a lie." Talking about those who reject the biblical God. They reject God and worship the creature rather than the Creator.**

**This means that God is always true to Himself. He is always true to His own knowledge. He never contradicts Himself. Which means again that God's knowledge is not different on different days of the week. His knowledge, is always the same, no matter what happens to us or what happens in the world. God's knowledge is always the same. You can count on it!!**

### **3.The biblical God's knowledge is always contemporary regardless of the passing of time.**

**Since from everlasting to everlasting is the biblical God, eternal in His own person, His knowledge is eternal, meaning that the Lord's knowledge is never out of date, and it never grows old. God's knowledge never needs to be replaced, or be added to. It is knowledge that lives and abides forever.**

**Isaiah recorded for us: "The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God (God's knowledge) stands forever' (Isaiah 40:7-8).**

**Peter quotes from Isaiah 40: " All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of Grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, but the word of the LORD (God's knowledge) endures forever" (I Peter 1:24-25).**

I have been preparing our backyard and front yard ready for winter. I have trimmed back the bushes. I have taken out the annual flowers that have died with the frost, and have put some pots in the garage which had annual flowers in them. I still have a little to do yet. I have mowed the lawn low, getting ready for winter. But as I did all of this I am reminded that the grass withers, and the flowers fade, but the knowledge of the Lord abides forever.

**How great is that to know that the knowledge of God is not affected by the frost, or the passing of time! God's knowledge remains eternally in tack and as time passes, it remains unaffected by the fleeting moments of history.**

**But thanks be to the biblical God that He doesn't keep His eternal knowledge to Himself.**

### **III. The biblical God makes known His unlimited knowledge to all humanity – all of us.**

#### **1. God displays His knowledge through His creation – general revelation.**

**(1) Psalm 19:1-4.**

**"The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; Their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their utterances to the end of the world."**

**No matter where one lives in the world. No matter what one believes about the biblical God, or doesn't believe about the biblical God, His creation tells all humanity something about His knowledge - yes the eternal knowledge of the biblical God. To do that, the biblical God doesn't have to make an audible sound. In fact, God's knowledge displayed through His universe is understandable in any language. What a great God we have in the biblical God.**

The Psalmist says to take a look at God's vast universe. The sun the shines by day, the moon bringing light at night. Look at the beauty of the trees, the grass, and the flowers. Think about the change of the seasons. Look up at the stars at night. Can you count them? Think about the order in the universe.

**And when research is done we discover that:**

- ∞ **Our sun is so large that, were it hollow, it could contain more than a million worlds the size of our earth.**
- ∞ **There are stars in space so vast that they could easily hold half a billion suns the size of ours.**
- ∞ **Our sun is the center of a solar system which is itself but a speck of cosmic dust compared with the "Milky Way," as our galaxy is called.**

- ∞ **There are 100 billion stars in the average galaxy, and there are at least 100 million galaxies known in space. It's been projected that there may be something like 10 octillion stars in space.**

**Amazing. The heavens are telling the glory of God, (displaying His majestic and glorious intelligence and ability) and the expanse is declaring the works of His hands (His intelligence caused Him to put together a world that works perfectly in phenomenal precision).**

**Add to that:**

**(2) Romans 1:20.**

**"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made so that they are without excuse."**

**Paul, the apostle, agrees with David the shepherd boy who became king of Israel.**

**Paul recognized that God's creation shows God's intelligence (His knowledge) and creative ability, His power, and that He is truly the eternal God. Such knowledge was not sufficient to provide salvation, but it was sufficient enough for God to judge those who wouldn't accept Christ as personal Savior.**

**Again,**

**Science tells us that the universe is so vast that no telescope can probe its utmost bounds. Our solar system, for example, is 100,000 light years in diameter (A light year is 6 trillion miles). Our solar system is revolving at the speed of 200 miles per second, yet it will take 200 million years to complete one revolution.**

**Talk about a display of the biblical God's eternal intelligence and design. Truly as the song goes, "Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above." He only deserves our worship and service.**

**2. God presents His unlimited knowledge to us in the written Word of God – the Bible – special revelation.**

**(1) The Psalmist understood that God's Word was the eternal knowledge of God.**

**Psalm 119:89 – "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven."**

**(2) The Psalmist understood that God's eternal Word had power to change a life.**

**Psalm 19:7 – "The law (knowledge) of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul."**

**Psalm 19:8b – "The commandment (knowledge) of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes."**

**Psalm 119: 98 – Your commandments (knowledge) make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever mine. I have more insight than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation."**

**(3) In the New Testament we have these words of the Apostle Paul regarding God's eternal Word. II Timothy 3:16-17.**

**"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching (knowledge), for reproof (what to put off in life), for correction (what to put on in life), for training in righteousness (the way to go with God); so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."**

**(4) God used men to record the accurate written word in the Bible from the eternal biblical God.**

**That the Bible gives us the knowledge of the eternal biblical God brings up the matter that men wrote the Bible, so how can the Bible be the knowledge of God?**

**The answer is that God the Holy Spirit miraculously used men of God to record the history God wanted recorded and the teaching that God wanted recorded for mankind (cf. II Peter 1:21).**

As a result, we could have a record of God's creation, the fall of man, God's development of the nation of Israel, the coming of the Messiah and Savior of the world the first time, and the coming of the Lord the second time, and what the church is to be doing between the first and second advents, along with what will be happening beyond time in eternity.

Unless the biblical God miraculously used men of old to record for us the books we have in our Bible, we have no knowledge of who the true and living eternal God is and what He has done in the past, is now doing in the present, and will do in the future.

We are people living in a box in this old world with no hope whatsoever. We are born, live, and then die. That's it. Such an awful way to live. But thanks be to God that His written word lives and abides for ever to provide us all things that pertain to life and godliness.

**3. The biblical God displays His unlimited knowledge in the living Word, His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. John records for us – special revelation.**

(1) John 1:1 – "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." That Word was the eternal Jesus Christ.

(2) John 1:14 – The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

(3) John 1:18 – The eternal Son, the only begotten, the unique Son of God, has explained, or exegeted the Father. Jesus came to show God in action on planet earth.

(4) John 14:6 – Jesus' words, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father but through me."

(5) John 14:7-9 – "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also, from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'show us the Father.'"

Jesus was the Truth of God personified, the unlimited knowledge of God in flesh. Whatever Jesus thought, whatever Jesus said, whatever Jesus did, that was God in action. Sometimes, He did not commit Himself to men, because He knew what was in their hearts.

His teaching, confronting the religious hypocrites, providing forgiveness for those who believed in Him, healing the sick, ministering to the children, selecting His twelve disciples, raising the dead, stilling the storm, that was God in action.

At the same time, in His sinless humanity, Jesus learned obedience, and submitted Himself to His Father's will to carry out redemption for you and me. He died to pay the penalty for our sin, which is death, was buried, and rose again the third day from the dead. He is truly the Son of God – God in flesh, the very knowledge of God personified.

Yes, Christ's ultimate reason for being incarnate was to go to the cross to provide us eternal salvation. But He also was used by God to substantiate the Old Testament Scriptures which set forth the knowledge of God.

That's why in Matthew 5:17-18, Christ said that He came not to destroy the Law but to fulfill the Law. The Scripture could not be broken. It would be fulfilled.

In Luke 24:44, Christ was used to substantiate the entire Old Testament as being from God, when he took the disciples through a brief overview of the Bible going through the law, the prophets, and the Psalm, the writings. The law, prophets and writings were the three divisions of the Old Testament Hebrew Bible. Then in Luke 24:45, the text says that Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures – **That is Christ gave them understanding about how the Scriptures foretold who He was – expanding their understanding of the knowledge of God.**

**Then in John 16:13, Jesus pre-authenticated the New Testament Scriptures before they were written.**

**Jesus taught that when the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative but whatever He hears, He will speak, and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you."**

**Notice that the Holy Spirit here is called by Jesus Christ, the Spirit of Truth.** The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, and one of His ministries was to help the apostles write the New Testament Scriptures so that we have the truth of God in them, **yes the knowledge of God**, as well as in the Old Testament which were already written. **The Holy Spirit of truth also in His ministry would hold up Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, which He continues to do to this day.**

**The eternal biblical God was very careful to guard the writing of the knowledge that He wanted us to have from Himself concerning the living Word of God, His Son, Jesus Christ, and the written Word of God. Of course, the written Word of God gives us the information concerning the living Word of God, Jesus Christ. To add to or take from the Word of God is something God will not tolerate.**

**So what does this all mean for us in our lives today that the biblical God knows everything actual and possible?**

#### **IV. The biblical God in His unlimited knowledge applied to our lives.**

##### **1. Since God is all knowing, omniscient, he knows all about us.**

This is what the Psalmist acknowledges in Psalm 139.

**"O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and you are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it all. You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it" (Psalm 139:1-6).**

**I'm sure we agree wholeheartedly with David, the Psalmist.**

**God, being all knowing, knows all about us – our desires, our challenges, our weaknesses, our thoughts, our feelings, our secret sins, and are known sins. God knows it all. He understands our thoughts from afar, that is even before our thoughts come into our head, God knows what our thoughts will be.**

##### **2. Even though God knows all about us, He still loves us and provides us the greatest gift He could ever give us, His Son, who is true unlimited knowledge in the flesh (John 3:16; I John 4:9-10).**

**God wraps His Son in what is called the Gospel – the GOOD NEWS, which is really the knowledge of God in the person and work of His SON for us.**

**Seeing us in our disobedience to Him, our own sin of pride and selfishness, God sends His Son into the World, to represent us as the perfect sacrifice for our sin, by having Him go to old Golgatha's Hill, and there have Him be made sin for us who knew no sin. There Jesus bore our sin, was buried, and rose from the dead on the third day. Sin's penalty was paid, God's justice and wrath satisfied, and man could be changed from being an enemy of God to being God's friend.**

**This is the most amazing action in time that God has carried out. The giving of His Son for us to provide us what we could never provide ourselves, forgiveness and eternal life.**

##### **3. To receive this eternal gift of the gospel God has provided for us, we must individually reach out and take it by faith (John 1:12; Ephesians 2:8-10; II Corinthians 4:6).**

**(1) As many as received Him to them He gave the right to become the children of God, even to them that believe on His name (John 1;12).**

For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest anyone should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Forgiveness and eternal life are available to those who admit to the Lord that they have disobeyed Him, sinned against Him, and then ask Him into their lives to be their Savior.

**I like the way Paul puts it in II Corinthians 4:6:**

“For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness, is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”

**Did you catch that? The believer in Christ has the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in his or her heart. Which is the very nature of Christ, which includes His mind, emotion, and will.**

**How fantastic is that!**

**The writer of Proverbs puts it this way, “The fear of the LORD, (the reverential trust in the LORD as the self-existent ONE, the Redeemer) is the beginning of knowledge (God’s unlimited knowledge). . .” (Proverbs 1:7).**

**(2) As many as reject the biblical God’s gift of the gospel in Christ experience a sad end.**

#### **1. The Old Testament teaching.**

Hosea put it this way to the Israelites who were rejecting God’s grace and goodness in their day. “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest (the nation’s priestly position before God), I also will forget your children” (Hosea 4:6).

**Whose knowledge is God talking about here? Note Hosea 4:1.**

**The LORD has a case against the sons of Israel. There is no faithfulness or kindness, or KNOWLEDGE OF GOD in the land.**

**Then note Hosea 4:2ff.**

There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing, adultery, violence, bloodshed. The more they multiply the more they sin. They feed on the sin of My people (v.7). They are involved in idolatry worshipping the creature rather than the Creator – **REJECTING THE ALL KNOWING ETERNAL BIBLICAL GOD AS THEIR CREATOR AND SAVIOR (All the commandments were being broken).** There was licentiousness on the rampage.

#### **2. The New Testament Teaching.**

**Romans 1:21ff.**

“For even though they knew God (had true knowledge of God), they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise (having knowledge – their own knowledge), they became fools (the fool has said in his heart that there is no God –Psalm 14:1).

“and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”

**They rejected the awesome Creator, the God of all knowledge and knowing, the omniscient eternal biblical God, and worshipped the creation and the creature.**

**They rejected the KNOWLEDGE OF GOD – THE BIBLICAL ALL KNOWING ETERNAL GOD.**

**Like in the Old Testament the heart of man is still the same. Reject the ALL KNOWING CREATOR GOD.**

**Where did that lead? The rest of Romans 1:24-32 tells us –devolution, not evolution – to sinfulness that was despicable where men were attracted to men and women to women – homosexuality and lesbianism. Yes, all kinds of wickedness.**

**When God is rejected as the all knowing Creator, as happened in Israel’s day, and is happening in our day, the same results take place. Man goes lower and lower into sin and rebellion.**

**Which means not just the ALL KNOWING CREATOR IS REJECTED, BUT THE ALL KNOWING SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST IS REJECTED.**

**As II Corinthians 4:4 tells us that the “god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God.”**

**4. Having taken the gift of the gospel of Christ (God’s eternal knowledge), the believer is to live in The light of the unlimited knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.**

**Note the text in II Corinthians 4:7ff as to what that means for us seeking to live for the Lord in a world that rejects the knowledge in the gospel of the all-knowing biblical God revealed to us in Jesus Christ.**

**(1) The believer needs to realize WHO he has (II Corinthians 4:7).**

**He has a treasure in his earthen vessel (clay pots) (in his body).**

**That means that the believer possesses the very life, the very nature, of God, His mind, will and emotion.**

**The believer possesses God’s knowledge through the eternal unchanging Word of God.**

**Not that he is God but he now has access to that which is eternal as given in the Word of God the Bible, the eternal knowledge of God. The believer possesses the very person and power of God.**

**(2) The believer must use WHAT he has.**

**1. Living in the good times and facing the toughest of times (II Corinthians 4:8-9).**

**The believer possesses the very power of God – the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Now the believer can rely on the indwelling Holy Spirit to do God’s will and glorify Him even in the toughest of times.**

**You will note that when Paul is used by the Spirit of God to teach the believer about WHO he has in possessing God, that he doesn’t say that now everything is going to be roses and there will be a life of ease, as some like to tell us to just accept Christ and all will be well. You will have peace and prosperity.**

**Such is not what the Bible teaches. Paul knows, and has experienced, that following Jesus is not always easy. And that is why the Bible is very realistic when it talks about using the treasure of God that we possess as followers of Jesus Christ.**

**That’s why God uses Paul to tell his readers and us that following Christ is not always easy but it is possible in the power of the Holy Spirit even in the most difficult circumstances.**

**I like how William Barclay translates II Corinthians 4:8-9).**

**\*\*We are sore pressed at every point but not hemmed in.**

**In other words, there are all kinds of pressure on us, but we are never in so tight a corner that there is no way out. We are never tempted above what we are able, and God is able to give us the victory.**

**\*\*We are persecuted by man but never abandoned by God.**

**The Psalmist said in 27:10, “When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.” No matter what happens to us and where we are. God is always there.**

**\*\*We are at our wit’s end, but never at our hope’s end.**

The follower of Christ may have times when he does not know what is to be done, but even at such a time, he never doubts that something can be done. Even though one may not see the light at the end of the tunnel, the follower of Christ knows the LIGHT is there. Yes, back of the clouds, the SON is always shining. Sometimes, we have to accept what we do not understand. But in the process the believer must always hang onto the reality that Jesus Christ, the HOPE of glory lives in his life.

**\*\*We are knocked down but not knocked out.**

The believer in Jesus Christ is going to fall, is going to fail, yes, is going to sin. But he always comes back to the forgiveness in Jesus Christ (I John 1:9). He always knows that there is a second opportunity in the Lord. That does not mean that the believer may not feel beaten at times, but in the Lord, he knows that he is not ultimately defeated. He may lose a battle or two, but in the end he knows that he never loses the campaign.

**Why did Paul, why can we, have such attitudes as we serve our Lord in our various challenges?**

Living for Christ in the knowledge of God can be risky. If one would live for Christ, one must be ready to die for Christ. Paul knew that "No Cross, No Crown."

Using the resurrection power of Christ, Paul knew that even if he had to give his life for Christ, he knew that the power of the resurrected Christ would raise him from the dead (II Corinthians 4:10-15).

## **2. Gaining God's eternal perspective regarding eternity and time (II Corinthians 4:16-18).**

**The believer is given God's eternal perspective through His knowledge (in the Bible) in a world that is passing away (II Corinthians 4:16-18).**

**\*\*The believer knows that even though he is getting older physically, he has that eternal treasure, God, in his life to give him daily renewal and eternal hope (II Corinthians 4:16).**

We do not lose heart as the years go by. We are getting closer to our heavenly home each day. As someone has said, "Let me grow lovely growing old." Years going by should add spiritual beauty to our lives, becoming more like Christ.

**\*\*What happens to the believer in this life is a "light affliction" in comparison to the glory which one will experience with the Lord for all eternity. (II Corinthians 4:17).**

That's hard to realize when we are going through challenges physically, emotionally, and sometimes mentally, or challenges in relationships, but that is the promise of the biblical God who gives us His eternal knowledge for perspective in our hurts, headaches, and challenging times. In spite of what we go through here, there is something much better coming in God's time – His very presence and the eternal home He is preparing for us.

**\*\*Having God's eternal knowledge, the believer can rest assured that he can always see life from God's eternal perspective not time's passing perspective (II Corinthians 4:18).**

**Why So?? Because the eternal God who knows everything, knows the future and has recorded for the believer what He wants him to know about the future in the Bible.** With God's eternal knowledge, the believer knows that God knows the future and is working out all things for our good and His glory.

**Some today like to tell us that God doesn't know something until it happens. It's called Open Theism. Such is not true.**

**What did say in Isaiah 46:9-10?**

**"Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.'"**

**Thusly there are only two ways to view life.**

**(1) Life is a slow process of degeneration – a journey away from the biblical God (Romans 1:21ff).**

No concept of knowing God personally. No concept of the value of life, and that one is responsible to Him in one's life. A life lived without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Life that lives only for the visible, what is seen. This is life and this is it.

Such is without the eternal knowledge of the biblical God. On the other hand,

**(2) Life is seeing Him who is invisible, the eternal omniscient God through faith in Jesus Christ (Hebrews 11:27).**

The believer lives for the eternal God worshipping and serving Him. Using the resources God gives to further His Church, in talents, energy, money, service of love for God and others. He knows that this world is not his home, he is just a passing through. Each day, he is getting a little closer to the home of the eternal God, where his treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. Yet, while here, he enthusiastically serves the Lord he loves.

There are three huge gates that lead into the Cathedral of Milan. Over one gate there is an inscription in marble under a beautiful flower bouquet that says, "The things that please are temporary." Over the second gate, there is a cross with this inscription: "The things that disturb us are temporary." However, over the central gate, there is a big inscription saying, "Eternal are the important ones."

The man who was working in a difficult environment was asked how he could keep doing that day in and day out. His reply, "He that has something beyond, need never weary." How TRUE!!!

**The one who knows personally through faith in Jesus Christ the eternal omniscient God has the eternal confidence in Him that He knows best and is working out all things for his good and HIS GLORY NOT JUST FOR TIME BUT FOR ALL ETERNITY!!**

**Praise God!!**