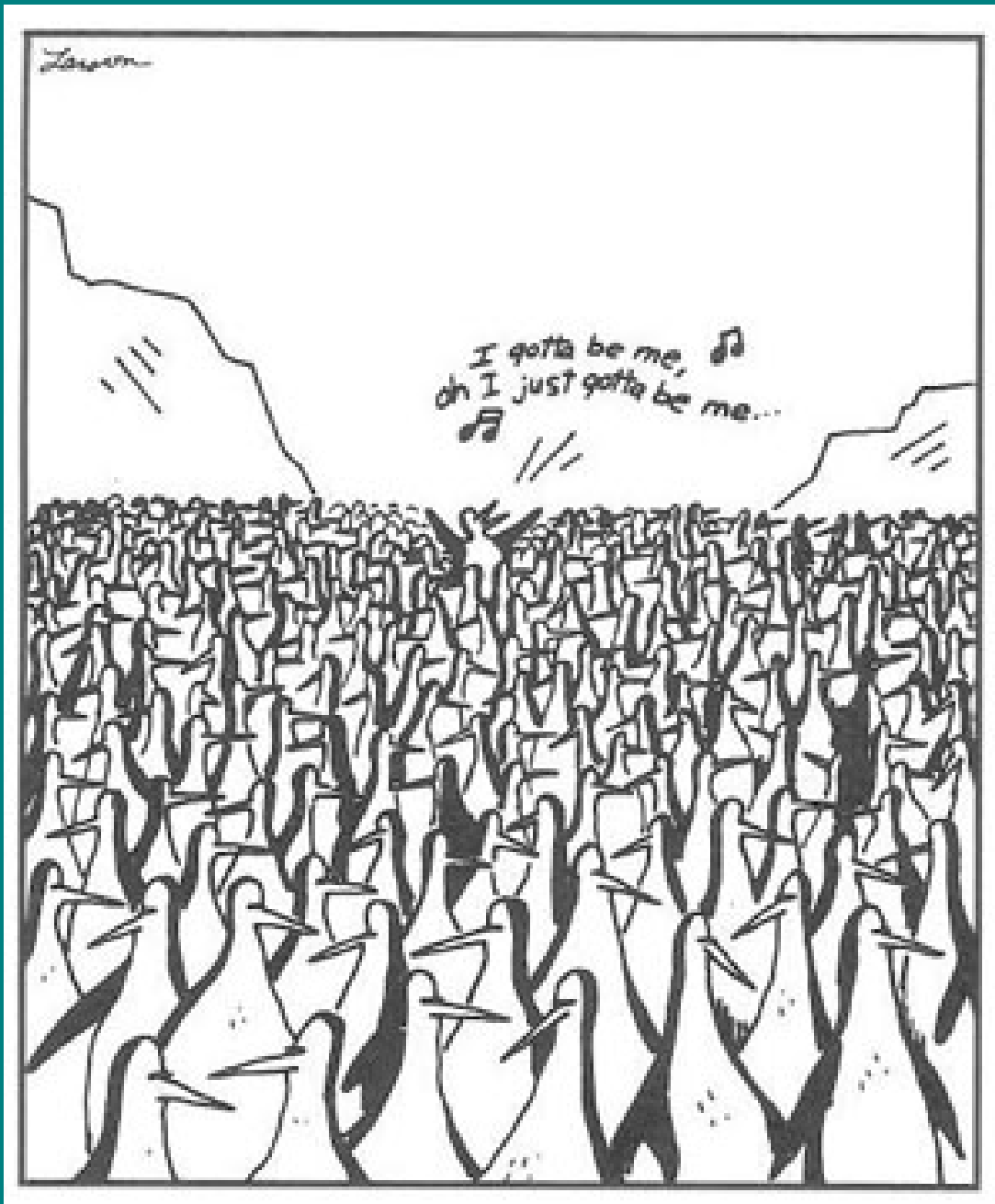


# God's Perfect Knowledge of Me

Psalm 139



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- Problems
  - Fusion produces confusion
  - Isolation produces loneliness
  - There is an Other Who we cannot deny or avoid!

# What Do We Do About God?

- Fusion
  - We are not God
  - Nor are we just an appendage of God
- Isolation
  - We can't get away from Him
  - We can't run Him off

# What Do We Do About All These Others?!

- Fusion
  - GOAL: Deny the differences
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  - GOAL: Avoid the differences
- Intimacy
  - GOAL: To know and be known in spite of differences

# He Knows Me Intimately

- I am completely understood by Him  
(Ps. 138:1-6)

# Psalms 139:1-6

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
You understand my thought from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You scrutinize my path and my lying down,  
And are intimately acquainted with all my  
ways.

# Psalms 139:1-6

<sup>4</sup>Even before there is a word on my tongue,  
Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

<sup>5</sup>You have enclosed me behind and before,  
And laid Your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

# He Knows Me Intimately

- I am completely understood by Him  
(Ps. 138:1-6)
- I cannot escape His presence (v. 7-12)

# Psalms 139:7-12

Where can I go from Your Spirit?

Or where can I flee from Your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, You are there;

If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the dawn,

If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>Even there Your hand will lead me,

And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

# Psalms 139:7-12

- <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,  
And the light around me will be night,"
- <sup>12</sup>Even the darkness is not dark to You,  
And the night is as bright as the day.  
Darkness and light are alike to You.

# He Knows Me Intimately

- I am completely understood by Him  
(Ps. 138:1-6)
- I cannot escape His presence (v. 7-12)
- I am His workmanship (v. 13-16)

# Psalms 139:13-16

For You formed my inward parts;  
You wove me in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup>I will give thanks to You,  
For I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Wonderful are Your works,  
And my soul knows it very well.

# Psalms 139:13-16

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the  
earth;

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;  
And in Your book were all written  
The days that were ordained for me,  
When as yet there was not one of them.

# My Response to His Perfect Knowledge

- I love His thoughts (Ps. 139:17-18)

# Psalms 139:17-18

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O  
God!

How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>If I should count them, they would outnumber  
the sand.

When I awake, I am still with You.

# My Response to His Perfect Knowledge

- I love His thoughts (Ps. 139:17-18)
- I hate His enemies (v. 19-22)

# Psalms 139:19-22

O that You would slay the wicked, O God;  
Depart from me, therefore, men of  
bloodshed.

<sup>20</sup>For they speak against You wickedly,  
And Your enemies take Your name in vain.

<sup>21</sup>Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against  
You?

<sup>22</sup>I hate them with the utmost hatred;  
They have become my enemies.

# Psalms 68:1-2

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered,  
And let those who hate Him flee before Him.

2 As smoke is driven away,  
so drive them away;

As wax melts before the fire,  
So let the wicked perish before God.

# My Response to His Perfect Knowledge

- I love His thoughts (Ps. 139:17-18)
- I hate His enemies (v. 19-22)
- I desire His scrutiny (v. 23-24)

# Psalms 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;  
<sup>24</sup>And see if there be any hurtful way in me,  
And lead me in the everlasting way.

# Questions

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- Where are you on the path to intimacy with God?

# James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

# Acts 22:16

'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'