

FAR ABOVE RUBIES:

*Insights on living the Christian
life – from a female perspective*



KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU

I once heard a story about a boy who was in line for school dinners when he came across a plate of biscuits. He was about to take a handful when he saw a sign which read “Just take one, remember God is watching!” As he came to the end of the queue he spotted a bowl of apples sitting so he turned to his friend and said “Take as many as you like, God is watching the biscuits!” Knowing that God is omnipresent we can all laugh at this, but do we really live as we should in the light of an all-seeing God?

David wrote in Psalm 139:1-3 “*O Lord thou has searched me and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thoughts afar off.*” God not only knows what we do and when we do it, but He also knows why we do it! He knows exactly where we are coming from and yet He loves us, warts and all. When David wrote this Psalm he understood that God knew all about his past, including the murder of Uriah, and yet he still found comfort in the fact that God was watching over him. God is not waiting with a big stick to slap us when we are careless or sin, but wants us to turn from our wicked ways and repent like David. There will be times when the Lord may need to discipline us, but this is only because He loves us and He only wants what is best for us. Hebrews 12:6 says “*For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth ...*”

Have you ever found that you can consistently do a really good job in work and no comment is ever made? No “Well done”, “Thank you” or “Great job!” Then you get it wrong once and you are taken to task. In Revelation 2:2 the Holy Spirit is saying to the church in Ephesus “*I know thy works, and thy labour and thy patience....*” It is great to know that when no one else seems to notice, God sees and appreciates the good that we do.

It also blesses me to know that no matter what situation I find myself in, Jesus knows all about it. When Hagar found herself in the wilderness, after fleeing from Sarai, the angel of the Lord said to her in Genesis 16:7 “*...the Lord hath heard thy affliction.*” Hagar’s response was “*Thou God seest me...*” (v13). I’m glad that God is no respecter of persons. It didn’t matter that Hagar was a slave girl who was given to her master to conceive and bear a child. She was probably feeling worthless and alone, but God knew all about her and met her where she was. There may be times in our life when we feel isolated and face seemingly hopeless situations, but it is during these times that we need to take hold of God’s promise in Hebrews 13:5 “*I will*

never leave thee, nor forsake thee." God loves us with an everlasting love and we are precious to Him.

Understanding that God knows all about me and loves me is wonderful, but to know Him is amazing. Although I attended church from a very early age and went to various children's meetings, I never understood that it was not about *religion* but about a *relationship* with Jesus. I knew about God but didn't know God. Belief that there is a God is not enough! James 2:19 tells us that even the demons believe and tremble! I thank God that He saved me when I was 32 and forgave my sins. It was only then that I really began to know God as I learnt more about Him through reading His Word and spending time in His presence. You only really get to know someone by spending time with them, learning about them, and finding out what they like and don't like. Through God's Word we can learn about the nature, works, characteristics and attributes of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I thank God that He never changes and He is the same yesterday, today and forever! There is so much God wants to teach us if we will just take the time to listen and read His Word. Jesus states in Matthew 6:6 "*go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father in secret*". We need to spend time in His presence allowing the Holy Spirit to speak and to minister to us.

Jesus states in John 10:14 "*I am the Good Shepherd, I know my own and my own know me.*" I pray that we will truly know more of God, and that He will keep us hungry for His Word and His presence.