

The Lord Knows My Name

1) Opening prayer

- Story of the president calling out the grandfather in Kabale –Made the man feel great and loved.
- There is power in being known more so by name. It brings about the sense of belonging and accountability.
- Stories were run on how our president was known by the president of America and that increased the score card.

2) Cyrus a no one was known by God the king of kings

- 2Ch 36:22 In the first year that Cyrus of Persia was emperor, the LORD made what he had said through the prophet Jeremiah come true. He prompted Cyrus to issue the following command and send it out in writing to be read aloud everywhere in his empire: 23 "This is the command of Cyrus, Emperor of Persia. The LORD, the God of Heaven, has made me ruler over the whole world and has given me the responsibility of building a temple for him in Jerusalem in Judah. Now, all of you who are God's people, go there, and may the LORD your God be with you."
- Though Cyrus did not know God, God still chose him to fulfill his purposes.
- His ways are not our ways that is why He says
- Isa 45:9 Does a clay pot dare argue with its maker, a pot that is like all the others? Does the clay ask the potter what he is doing? Does the pot complain that its maker has no skill? 10 Do we dare say to our parents, "Why did you make me like this?" 11 The LORD, the holy God of Israel, the one who shapes the future, says: "You have no right to question me about my children or to tell me what I ought to do! 12 I am the one who made the earth and created human beings to live there. By my power I stretched out the heavens; I control the sun, the moon, and the stars. 13 I myself have stirred Cyrus to action to fulfill my purpose and put things right. I will straighten out every road that he travels. He will rebuild my city, Jerusalem, and set my captive people free. No one has hired him or bribed him to do this." The LORD Almighty has spoken.

3) God in his wisdom decided to choose a person who did not know him to deliver Israel

- [Isa 45:1](#) The LORD has chosen Cyrus to be king. He has appointed him to conquer nations; he sends him to strip kings of their power; the LORD will open the gates of cities for him. To Cyrus the LORD says, [2](#) "I myself will prepare your way, leveling mountains and hills. I will break down bronze gates and smash their iron bars. [3](#) I will give you treasures from dark, secret places; then you will know that I am the LORD and that the God of Israel has called you by name. [4](#) I appoint you to help my servant Israel, the people that I have chosen. I have given you great honor, although you do not know me. [5](#) "I am the LORD; there is no other god. I will give you the strength you need, although you do not know me. [6](#) I do this so that everyone from one end of the world to the other may know that I am the LORD and that there is no other god. [8](#) I will send victory from the sky like rain; the earth will open to receive it and will blossom with freedom and justice. I, the LORD, will make this happen."

The Lord knows you as a friend.

[Isaiah 43:1-28](#) But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. [John 10:14-15](#) I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

He knows the plans for your life:

[Jeremiah 1:5](#) Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." [Exodus 33:17](#) And the Lord said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

God pays attention to the details of your life:

Psalm 139:1-24 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. O 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. ...

Psalm 91:14 “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. **John 10:3** To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

Isaiah 49:1-26

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— ...

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

Matthew 6:4-8

So that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Isaiah 41:10: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.