



» Everything between verses 1 & 23 speak to this "knowing God"
You know my physical actions (v2)
You know my thoughts (v2b)

You know my paths (v3) You know my words (v4)

These are not abstract ideas about God but a God who is active in our lives – repetition of 'me' & 'my' in all verses 1-6 God as a present actor in our lives

A God Present With Us

"Can I flee from God?" (v7)

Perhaps thinking of Adam & Eve hiding from God in the garden We may try to flee from God (in our disappointment/anger) but we cannot achieve it – consider Jonah fleeing to Tarshish

"You are there"

If I go to heaven (v8) – sheol (v8) – farthest islands (v9) – hide in the dark (v11-12) Even in sheol/death you are there – sheol replaced by paradise in New Testament

We are real people before God He is with us in every situation and every circumstance regardless of any travel or movement

All Creative God

"You created me – formed me in my mothers womb." (v13)

- All my days are known to you before they happen (v16)
- God's present with us at every point I our existence – "From the womb to the tomb" (Vanier)

God's knowledge regarding you/me is more than the 'grains of the sand' (v17,18)

» Not a frightening knowledge but a wonderful knowledge

"I come to the end – I am still with you" (v18) – through it all God is with me

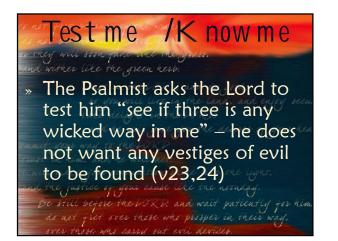
- At every moment even a the point of death 'I am still with you'
- God's creative power in our lives – 'I wake ups to you'

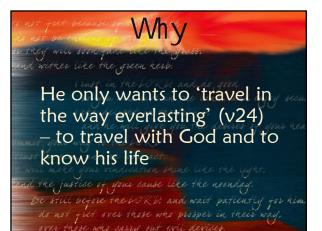
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 In verses 19-24 the Psalmist condemns the evil in life that opposes God's goodness – not identifying specific individuals but the evil opposing powers The evil does no make sense – it is counter productive

 It disintegrates life rather than integrating life

us the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him do not first over those who prosper in their way,





n Conclusion

they will soon faile tele Me go

This entire Psalm presents a God in relationship with people

- He is interested in you at every level of your life
- 'He knows your name' and all of who you are

This Psalm is personified in the person of Jesus who knows us personally.

 Consider Jesus meeting the woman at the well (John 4):
"I will give you water that will quench your thirst forever"
"Give me this water"

