

Did you know God how much God loves you?

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Many people will not go to God in prayer because deep down inside they believe He does not really care for them. He is off solving the really big problems of the world. They do not want to bother God. They fear they might be rejected if He does not answer.

Lies, lies, lies.

The evil one wants to steal, kill and destroy your life. He will lie to you and deceive you. He does not want you to know how much God loves you and cares for you.

Fellow believer, do not be deceived.

God loves you beyond anything you could ever imagine. And He desires to make Himself known to you and to have fellowship with you. He longs for you to know Him.

God wants to spend time with you. Yes, you.

The creator of the universe cares about you and desires for you to know Him in an intimate way. This is impossible for us to comprehend.

Know these things about God and how much He cares for you:

God created you in His image.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God chose you before the creation of the world.

Ephesians 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

God formed you in the womb. He even knew you before you were formed in the womb.

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

As God knit you together in your mother's womb you were fearfully and wonderfully made. Everyday of your life is written in God's book.

Psalms 139:13-16 ¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, ¹⁶ your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

You were predestined to be an adopted child of God.

Ephesians 1:5 He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will—

You are God's chosen, to be holy and dearly loved.

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

God has so many precious thoughts toward you that you cannot count them.

Psalms 139:17,18 ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

God is mighty to save you.

God takes great delight in you.

God loves you so much He sings over you.

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

God knows you so intimately. In great detail. He even knows the number of hairs on your head.

God says you are worth more than many sparrows and He knows when even one sparrow falls.

Matthew 10:29-31 ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

God has great plans for you. To prosper you. Not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

You were chosen according to His plan; in conformity to the purpose of His will.

Ephesians 1:11,12 ¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

God loved us first. Even when we were sinners.

Romans 5:7,8 ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Nothing can separate you from His love.

Romans 8:35-39 ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God wants you to glorify, know, believe and understand Him.

Isaiah 43:7-10 ⁷ Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. ⁸ Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. ⁹ Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. ¹⁰ Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

God knows you. He desires that you would know Him better.

God gives us a hope in the riches of His glorious inheritance.

Ephesians 1:17-20 ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

God sends angels to serve us. To guard us in all our ways.

Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Psalms 91:11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

God loves you so much that He sent His only Son to die for your sins and give you eternal life.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

God says He will reward you openly for the time you spend alone in prayer with Him.

Matthew 6:6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

God gives His Holy Spirit to help us in prayer.

Romans 8:26,27 ²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

He has made us kings and priests.

Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

We are saved by the grace of God. It is a gift from God.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;