

HE KNOWS WHAT?

Proverbs 15:11

Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the Lord, how much more the hearts of men!

Let's get the question out of the way first. **Sheol** (the KJV uses the word "hell") means "the place of the dead" while **Abaddon** is "the place of destruction."

So, what, exactly, does God know? What is He able to see? The place of the dead and the place of destruction both lie open before Him. That being the case, He knows everything that is in our hearts.

Does that thought frighten you or does it bring you comfort? God knows all of our thoughts, He knows our motives, and He knows exactly how we feel in every situation. In other words, He knows all there is to know about us. The Bible raises the rhetorical question "where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence" (Psalm 139:7).

He knows every place I go, every deed I do, every word I say, and every thought I think. He knows those things I've tried to hide from others, even my most private thoughts. Concealment is not the answer for sin because nothing is concealed from God.

He also knows the pain I feel. He understands my motives, even when other human beings do not. He knows the discouragements that fill our hearts. He understands. We can take the greatest comfort in that truth. What does He know about me? Everything.

--Ron Harper--

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“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

I wonder how many of us truly enjoy worship. For most us, if asked, we would say, “Of course! I love being with my church family and singing and praying and learning about God!” Worship is a command of God. He is worthy of such worship—even more so than we can give. Though we seem to put on that we enjoy and engage in worship, perhaps we do not engage to our fullest potential.

It has been said, “If you can’t stand to come to church for four hours a week (i.e. Sunday morning, Bible study, Sunday night, Wednesday night), then you will hate Heaven.” Heaven is constant worship to God for all eternity. Living in his glory free from sin means giving him his due praise. It would seem that everyone wants to go to Heaven, but no one seems to want to go for the purpose of worshiping God. Many desire to go to Heaven for the “physical” aspects of Heaven such as the streets of gold, the dwelling places prepared, and living in no pain or death. We neglect the fact the Heaven is eternal praise.

The fact is that the pattern set in the Bible is to worship on the first day of the week. The early Christians did that every single week. Some would suggest that because it is not commanded to worship other than that specific time, we don’t have to come on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. Let me ask this. Do we as a church have an obligation to obey and submit to our elders? Certainly! (See Hebrews 13:17) Therefore, if the elders say we should meet at specific times to worship and study, we should desire to be there! There is no way you will not be blessed by engaging in Bible study and worship.

The fact is that there is a difference between *forsaking* the assembly and *missing a service*. I am in no way saying a person can never miss a worship service. Perhaps we all have blatantly neglected worship. So, why is it so important to be at each worship service? The verse above tells us assembling together is for us to encourage one another. Let's encourage each other at the family reunion of the body of Christ. Let's come to worship!

Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Odell Grissom, Nora Fann, Virgie Leonard, Louis Wilson, Kay Jennings, Harry Summer, June Jernigan, Carolyn Thomas, Kenneth Tucker, Clyde McCollough, Sue Reeves

SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard, Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Dan Stephens, Melba & Jeanie Young

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

***MEMBERS**

ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*, Virgie Leonard*

DIVERSICARE OF SMYRNA: Jean Nickens*

NHC: Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Margaret Davidson*, Ernestine Taylor*, Laura Wiser*

SMYRNA: Geri Melton*

WOODBURY: Jeweldean Hall*

TN VETERAN'S HOME: Edna Vance*

MILITARY:

Tony Berry

There will be a baby basket shower for
Amy Barrett

The basket is located near the kitchen



Gospel Meeting and Homecoming at Midway church of Christ Sun. May 21st – Wed. May 24th. More information posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

BUILDING FUND

We have received a Building Fund donation in memory of **Gayle Robinson Sharp** by the following:

***Melba Bullard**

NEWS & NOTES

- **Visitation Team #2** will have their meeting and meal today; all visitors are invited to join us.
- **Nicaragua meeting** will be today at 12:30.
- **Disaster Relief** will need volunteers for packing and loading family food boxes onto trucks Tuesday, May 23rd at 10am.
- **MYM at Walter Hill** on Tuesday, May 30th at 7pm. Sign-up is in the foyer.
- **Sunday, June 4th will be picture day** after Sunday school in the auditorium for new members who haven't had their picture made and anyone desiring to update their picture.
- **The Domestic Violence Shelter** is looking for light blankets and washcloths. If you wish to donate any, you may coordinate with Jeff Milstead and he will assist in gathering them for shipment.
- A **Church picnic** is planned for Saturday, June 10th at Pavilion 6 Barfield Crescent Park from 4 – 8pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please see Larry Benson if you have any questions.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Morning Worship

9:00 am

Bible Classes

10:15 am

Evening Worship

5:30 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May)

10:00 am

Evening Bible Classes

6:30 pm

ELDERS

B.K. Ham
Jim Hatfield
Jon Holland
Andy Mitchell
Randall Phifer
Keith Short

MINISTER

Ron Harper

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

DEACONS

Rick Acklin
Larry Benson
Michael Bowman
Craig Buckner
Joe Byars

Rick Corum
Andy Melton
Brian Melton
Alan Pepper
Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

May 14, 2017

Sunday	AM worship	253
	Bible classes	200
	PM worship	159
	Contribution	\$6,410.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	124
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	23

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be cancelled

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!

GREETERS

*Please be at the door
30 minutes prior to service*

May 21

Greg & Debbie Sells

May 28

Jim & Pat Davidson

