

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Knowing God

TUNE: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (CHRISTMAS)
Job 26:14; Psalm 19:1; John 1:14-18; 14:21; 1 Corinthians 13:12;
2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 3:7-14; Colossians 1:15; 2:9-10;
1 Timothy 6:15-16; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 John 1:5; 3:2; Revelation 19:12

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C G⁷ C C G EmDm⁶ C G^{sus} C C^{sus} C C C E Dm⁷F⁷M⁷

1. You long for us to know You, Lord. You shine thro' all You
2. But all Your glo - ry, all You are Is blaz - ing thro' Your
3. We gaze at Him, and we are changed. His ho - ly like - ness
4. We soon will see Him as He is And know as we are

C G G G^{sus} G C Dm⁷ G⁷ F C G⁷_C C

do. Yet all this world can on - ly give A
Son. Tran - scend - ent, un - di - min - ished God With
grows. But all His glo - ry, all He is, No
known, For - ev - er full, for - ev - er free, Im -

F C C F C C Dm F C Dm⁷ C G G⁷ C

fleet - ing glimpse of You, A whis - per, Lord, of You.
flesh is ful - ly one, With us is ful - ly one.
earth - ly eyes can know, No mor - tal mind can know.
mersed in You a - lone, Com - plete in You a - lone.

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CHRISTMAS
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TOPICS: Advent; Eternal Life; Holiness; Knowing Christ

LEAD-IN: *Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.*
(1 Corinthians 13:12, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Deep Knowing

Father, in Your great heart
You long for us to know You
entirely and completely,
all we are
knowing
all You are.

You created this entire universe,
immense and majestic,
not only to show us Yourself,
but to engulf us in
Your power,
Your wisdom,
Your love, and
the vastness of Your mystery.
Yet even as we are immersed in all this, we see only
the fringes of Your robe.
We hear only
a faint whisper of You. (Job 26:14)

To show Yourself completely,
You gave us Your own Son.
You incarnated Him as
the most helpless and humble of all human beings:
the newborn infant of
an unmarried peasant girl
from a small, oppressed people
in one corner of the world.

Here is the transcendent, undiminished God!
Here is the full radiance of Your glory!
Here is the exact representation of Your very nature! (Hebrews 1:3)
Here is the fullness of Your Deity in bodily form, and
You have made us
full and complete
in Him. (Colossians 2:9-10)
As we look to Him,
we are being changed into His likeness. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

But we do yet see Him for all He is. (1 John 3:2)
With all His many magnificent names,
He has a name, an identity,
that no one knows but Him. (Revelation 19:12)

But we know this:
when He appears,
we will be like Him,
because we will see Him just as He is. (1 John 3:2, NASB)

We will know Him fully,
we will know You, Father,
even as we are fully known. (1 Corinthians 13:12)

Your deep longing for us
will be fulfilled
every moment,
forever,
entirely and completely,
all we are
knowing
all You are.

We will be immersed in You,
one with You,
saturated with
Your presence,
Your holiness,
Your love,
Your life, in all its depth and richness.

Father, finish what You have begun.
We long for You!
We are waiting at the door.