

The Omniscient One

"The Lord knows human thoughts..."

Psalm 94:11 (NASB)

*"Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him,
'Here is truly an Israelite, in whom there is no deceit!'*

Nathanael said to Him, 'How do You know me?'

*Jesus answered and said to him, 'Before Philip called you,
when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.'*

Nathanael answered Him,

'Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel!'"

John 1:47-49 (NASB)

"For He knew the one who was betraying Him..."

"Jesus replied, 'Will you lay down your life for Me?

Truly, truly I say to you,

a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.'" "

John 13:11, 38 (NASB)

The coming One is wonderfully described in the four biographies of Him that we call the Gospels i.e., Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John found in the Bible. In the Bible's sacred pages we find the story of the God Man Who entered history and turned the world upside down.

Today's glimpse at the Coming One shows how He knows everything about everybody. When Nathaniel saw Jesus for the first time, he was startled to hear this stranger tell him that He saw him under a fig tree only a little while earlier. Also, the stranger said that Nathaniel was not devious. Nathaniel knew he was not sly or deceptive, but how did this person know that? Nathaniel drew the correct deduction from these two remarkable comments by the Teacher and called Him the Son of God, the King of Israel, the Coming One.

So, very early in His career as a travelling teacher, Jesus demonstrates His omniscience. Performing such a miracle in the presence of godly people received an appropriate response. Later in His ministry His miracles, even resurrecting people,

would light the fire of hatred, c.f. John 11 and the fallout from Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

When we reflect on the reality that our Creator really knows our actions, where we came from and what we will do tomorrow, it can make some of us uncomfortable. Someone who can access our most private area of life – that is our thoughts – is truly omniscient! It is very uncomfortable to realize that Someone can read even the thoughts we want no one to ever know!

As we meditate on the Omniscient one, we feel like Adam and Eve in the garden after they ate the forbidden fruit. We want to hide from Him. But there is nowhere to effectively hide!! All we can do, all we need to do, is listen to His gracious invitation and run into His loving strong arms and receive from Him eternal life. He is willing and able to forgive the deepest darkest sins.

Come just as you are. Come to the Omniscient one and come today.

Come, you sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Come, you thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him.

Come, you weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

I will rise and go to Jesus! He will save me from my sin. By the riches of his merit, there is joy and life in him.

-Joseph Hart

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