



God truly knows his blessed ones...

Read

“For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish”
(Psalm 1:6)

Consider

For the Lord knows...

What is it about this knowledge that's special for the righteous? It's special because of *how* it is that God knows the righteous - it speaks of God's affection and approval for his “transplanted family”. Later in Psalm 139, David reflects on what it's like to be known in this way by God. He speaks of God knowing when he sits and rises, that God knows his thoughts. Also, David depends on God's intimate knowledge for his spiritual maturity and salvation:

- ²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24)

This is a good snapshot of how the righteous person desires to honour God with their life. The righteous person not only seeks God's counsel, but also takes action on the things God points out as sinful and offensive. This all comes from a place of love. It's interesting that in our verse, Psalm 1:6, the way of the wicked will *perish*. In Psalm 139, David sees God's leading him as an *everlasting way* - which is the very thing Psalm 1 has been speaking about! So, the Lord certainly knows all things, but he intimately knows *us* - his adopted children! Hopefully this leads us to praise God for *how* he knows us - intimately - and join with David in declaring “*such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain*” (Psalm 139:6).

But...

For the wicked, their *way will perish*. Their time is coming to a grinding halt, and God will have the last word with them. The wicked have nothing to inherit and nothing to gain by living their lives with their backs turned to God. What's remarkable though, is that God loved this whole “back-turning” world so much that he sent Jesus to save it (John 3:15-21). God has shown his love, even to the wicked! The purpose of the Jesus' death and resurrection was to gather a people that believed in Jesus and *not perish but have eternal life!!* (John 3:16-17).

So:

1. We are known by God as a loving Father knows his sons and daughters. Think on that!
2. The wicked person will perish - so warn them, and thank God that because of Jesus you will not perish with them.

Pray

Take some time to pray about these points in your own words. Does your life *really* reflect that of a righteous person, or does it reflect a conflicted heart? Go to Jesus (1 John 1:7-9).