



## THE "KNOW-IT-ALL"



All of us probably know a "know-it-all." You probably know a guy who read one paragraph of a political speech and is certain he understands all the issues and every position of every candidate. And then there is the twenty-four year old who was the star player of his intramural basketball team in fourth grade who believes, that if given a chance, he would be coach of the year in the big ten. It is truly annoying to sit next to that 250 pound lady who knows everything there is to know about nutrition, exercise and weight loss. We all know of those who boast of their understanding, experiences and expertise in just about every imaginable area of knowledge. Sickening aren't they!

The Old Testament reveals God's dealings with a know-it-all named Job. In Job chapter thirty-eight God says to Job in affect, "Now think really hard and I will ask you questions and you can instruct me. (Job 38:3). It seems to me that Job should have stopped God right there and admitted that he could not instruct God, but that is not what happened. God went on to ask Job things like, "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? And who measured out the span of the earth or put in it's foundation? (Job 38:4-6). Moreover God asked Job, who enclosed the sea? (38:8-11) and by-the-way Job, have you ever caused the sun to rise? (38:12). God goes on to inquire about Job's powers and abilities with lightning bolts, floods, rain and the starry constellations and all of that is just in Job 38! For three more chapters God's quiz goes on and Job is notably quiet.

Job finally gets it right when he admits to God "... I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know." (Job 42:3). He closes his confession with these words, "Therefore I retract, and I repent in dust and ashes." (Job 42:6).

For anyone who dares to think that he or she knows all there is to know about God, they don't! It is good that the almighty God is all knowing and because of that cannot be fully known. It is good that there is still some mystery about God's majesty. That keeps us humble and keeps Him exalted. May we give up our arrogance and admit our inferiority. It is only then that we, like Job, can be truly blessed.

Looking Up!

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