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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.
Sonshiners: 4:45pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

To be Worthy & Blessed (Col 1:9-18)

PM Sermon

Repentance & Bitterness
(Jonah Lesson 3)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Living on the Lord's side – R. Earl

Wednesday Bible Class:

Praschnik

The Gospel of Christ TV Program

on Saturday @ 7:30am on Channel 53

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the **KJV, NKJV or ASV** translation of
the Bible in classes & sermons.

The Oologah Informer

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DOES GOD KNOW ME?

Jack Williams

In Genesis 18 we read of one account of Divinity appearing unto man. Here Abraham is visited by three men, one of whom the text clearly identifies as being Jehovah (1, 13). The narrative reveals that God has a great trust in Abraham and his ability to fulfill God's plan for him. The reason for this trust is based upon what is revealed in verses 18-19 "... Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

Here an amazing statement is made, God says, "I know him." As my grandchildren would say, "This is awesome!" God had confidence in Abraham because of his holy and graceful nature. This enabled God to have assurance that Abraham would fulfill his responsibility toward his children and household – "he will command" them and "they shall keep the way of the LORD..." (19).

Now back to our title – "Does God know me?" Each of us has responsibilities toward self, to be that pure and holy individual as was Abraham (2 Corinthians 13:5; James 1:27; Titus 2:11-14). But think of your responsibilities to others, especially if you have been blessed with children (Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 22:6). God had confidence in Abraham that the blessings he gave to Abraham would continue in his descendants because of his personal life and the teachings and example he would give to his family.

The other day I listened as a young mother talked about an offer and opportunity made regarding one of her sons. She had been encouraged to involve him in an activity which he would no doubt enjoy, as would the rest of the family. She

and her husband considered it and examined the details of it. I sat proudly listening to her as she recounted why he would not be involved in this opportunity.

She noted there was a huge commitment of time, but the thing that sealed the decision to reject the opportunity was very simple – it would entail a conflict with previous commitments made on Wednesday and Sunday to worship God and assemble with the saints. When that became obvious her response was clear – “That settled it! No way would he be doing that.”

I happily thought of her, her husband and the many other parents I know who make such decisions regularly to seek the kingdom first (Matthew 6:33). I thought of how blessed the children of such parents are. God knows their Mom and Dad! He knows that His will can be fulfilled in the lives of these godly parents and the children they are raising!

God had confidence in Abraham because he knew he would teach and encourage his children to be and do as God willed. What of me? Can God depend on me to do the same with my children? Does God know me?