



### Scripture nugget – Such Knowledge too wondrous for me

*Behind and before You encircle me and rest Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, far too lofty for me to reach. Where can I go from Your Spirit? From Your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, You are there; if I lie down in Sheol, there You are. If I take the wings of dawn and dwell beyond the sea, even there Your hand guides me, Your right hand holds me fast (Psalm 139: 5-10).*

**Whether we feel it or not, we live in God's presence.** Scripture tells us God besieges with His loving Presence behind us and in front of us. Like a protective parent hovering over his/her young child. God is not like the modern-day parent who is usually too busy to spend much time with the children. The Most High, our Maker Whom Christ teaches us to call "Father" is not too busy for us. His greatest concern is our welfare especially our eternal salvation (cf. John 3:16). Through Prophet Jeremiah, God tells every one of us that He has a wonderful plan for each of us. *For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope (Jeremiah 29:11).* God does not promise us an earthly life of only creature comforts and material luxury, but He promises we will have the life necessities we need (cf. Matthew 6:33), the graces and spiritual help we need to walk in truth and righteousness (cf. Philippians 4:13) and the indestructible hope that comes with His tremendous calling to attain our glorious eternal inheritance (cf. Ephesians 1:18). We need to know Scripture and the power of God in order to live life abundantly and joyfully. *Jesus said to them in reply, "You are misled because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God (Matthew 22:29).*

**We feel an emptiness when our soul cannot feel God's presence.** Our soul is made only for God and finds its joy and fulfillment only in God (cf. Colossians 1:16). It would be strange if God created man to find fulfillment in lesser things. He is the Most High, the Highest Good and it is right and fitting that humankind should find fulfillment only in Him. *As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When can I enter and see the face of God? (Psalm 42:2-3).* It is possible for a soul to surround oneself with all the things and people that he/she finds security in. However, all earthly things are passing, they can only provide false security and cannot satisfy the inner longing of the soul. Hopefully, this moment of truth will come before one's last breath for those who seek security in earthly treasures. God has given us a whole lifetime to discover the truth of our creation and His wonderful plans for us.

**Conversation with Jesus:** Precious Lord, in You alone are my rest, my salvation and my fortress, I shall never fall (cf. Psalm 62:2-3). What have I to fear when You are always with me, in front of me and behind me. The insight of the knowledge of You which I gain through my obedience to Your commandments (cf. 1 John 2:3) is too wondrous for me. Thus, St Augustine of Hippo rightly said: *"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement."* Thank You for thinking about me and creating me. May I be truly Yours as You are truly mine (cf. Galatians 2:20). Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.