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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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Acknowledging God

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We may know that God is omniscient and omnipresent by definition, but how often do we confess this reality in terms of living? Is there anyone who has placed God's All-knowing and All-powerful character into focus within daily life? David did.

“Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thought afar off...for there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo of Jehovah, thou knowest it altogether” (*Psalms 139:2, 4*)

David acknowledges God in a way that most would not: in terms of a formidable and wise foe in battle: “*Thou best me behind and before; and laid thy hand upon me*” (*Psalms 139:5*).

In the contest of God's omniscience and omnipresence, David exalts God's wisdom and creative power with thanksgiving: “*I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Wonderful are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well*” (*Psalms 139:14*). This acknowledgement of God led David to live such a life allowing him to make this confident and

hopeful statement: “*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting*” (*Psalms 139:23-24*).

There is David; then, there is man today, who with modern technology, can see the unborn thriving in the womb, but is unwilling to acknowledge God His creative place. No, he claims, we are here by mere chance. Is this thought worthy of logical thinking or is something else going on? Could it be that man knows that if we acknowledge God as his Creator, he must then for conscience sake be responsible to His God for how he lives his daily life?

Mystery of life realities can be piled one fact upon another making man pause, if he will, to marvel at the intelligence that must be behind what we call nature. What makes the brain and muscles of our body work together allowing us to move this direction, and escape that danger? There is an important five inch-pathway acting as a train station housing the fiber tracks from which information can travel from the spinal cord to the brain creating sensations. These

informational sensations moving from the brain to the spinal cord establishes control. It is the “brain stem.”

The brain is a marvelous three pound - complexity challenging all computers for supremacy. And the spinal cord is an electrical storehouse ready to energize the muscles to move the body. But without the connecting brain stem, life's necessities such as breathing, blood pressure, and digestion would not occur. We would not even be “alert.”

Such complexity creating a functional body boggles the mind. “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me...”. It is not too hard to acknowledge God as being the intelligence behind such marvels of creation. The problem of acknowledging God is not a matter of evidence, but a matter of the will of man. Will I allow God to control my life? Because man wants to answer to no one but himself, he refuses to acknowledge God.

David embraced the all-knowing God, and allowed such truth to keep his heart and life pure before Him. Will you so acknowledge God?