

***CORAM DEO* – BEFORE  
THE FACE OF GOD!**

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## 1. Out of a relationship – before the face of God!

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**Fearing God – is the OT equivalent of trusting | believing | calling | receiving | repenting...**

- **Drawing near** – love & salvation & a relationship
- **Bowing down** – this is GOD!

**This used to be called: A God-fearing man / woman!**

**Ecclesiastes 3:14** I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men **should fear before him** (שִׁירָאֵי מִלְּפָנָיו).

**Ecclesiastes 5:7** For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: **but fear thou God.**



**Ecclesiastes 7:18** It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: **for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.**

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**Ecclesiastes 12:13** Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God**, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.



**לְ = to / toward**  
**פָּנֶה = face**

**To the face / before the face!**

**It became like our word: goodbye!**

**From: God be with you &/ God bless you - but got  
shortened and lost the God part!**

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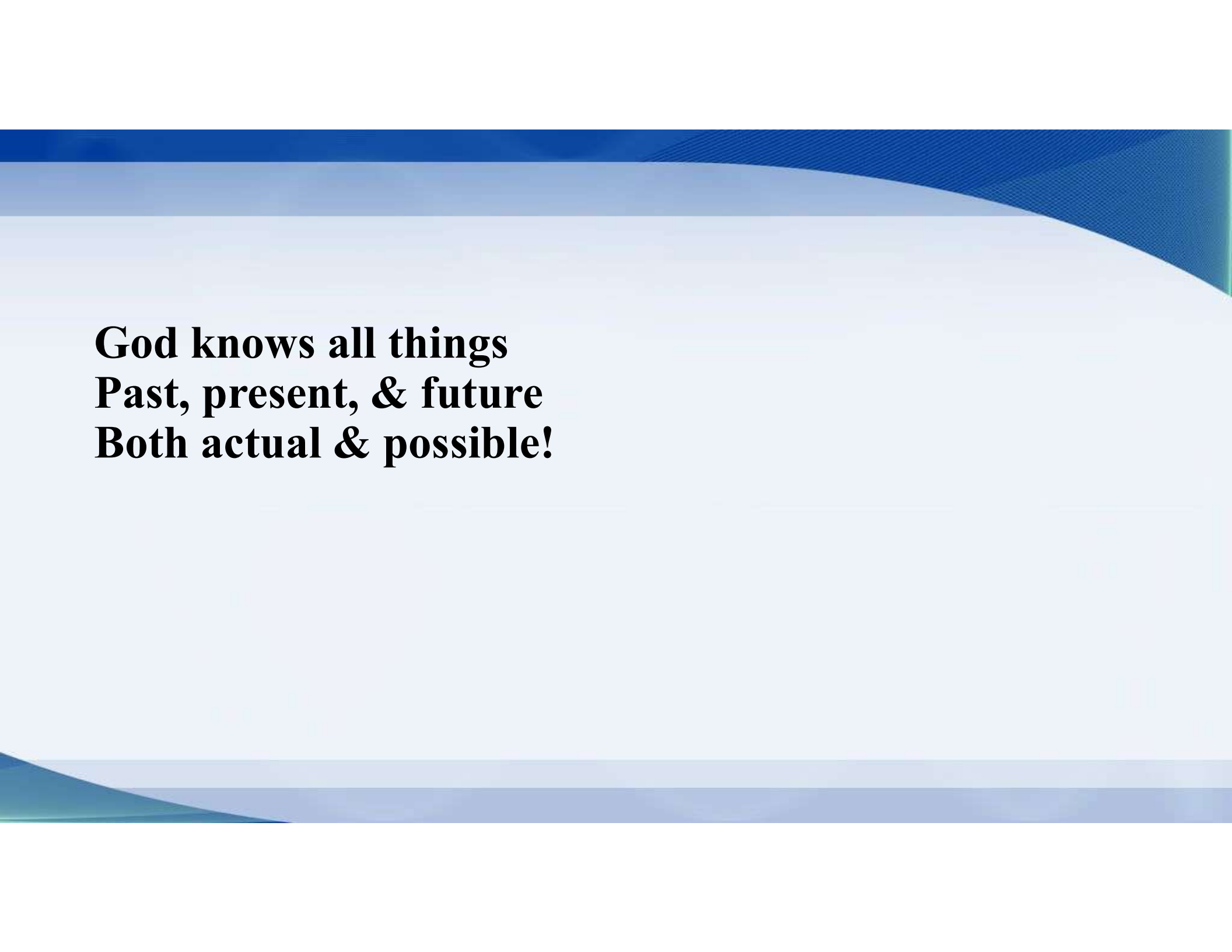


## **2. Under His gaze – before the face of God!**

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**God knows all things  
Past, present, & future  
Both actual & possible!**



**Genesis 18:22** And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: **but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.**

**Genesis 19:27** And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

**Exodus 2:15** Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. **But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh,** and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

**Jonah 1:3** But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish **from the presence of the LORD**, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

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### **3. For His approval – before the face of God!**

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**1 Thessalonians 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.**

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**Genesis 24:40** And he said unto me, **The LORD, before whom I walk**, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:



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## **4. According to His word – before the face of God!**

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