



LORD, I WANT TO
KNOW YOU

A STUDY BASED OFF THE BOOK BY KAY ARTHUR

El Roi: The God Who Sees

Sometimes life is the worst. Things go horribly wrong. Circumstances are unfair. It all feels like too much to bear.

Have you ever felt thrown out or outcast? Fulfilled someone's pleasure and then suddenly left unwanted? Did you wonder if you were good enough? If it's all your fault?

Rejection, inadequacy, despair creep in.

Where is God then? Does he even see what you're going through?

Of course, the answer is yes. God is near and God sees.

We often bury ugly feelings, ugly memories away. The ugliness is too much to bear so we stuff it away where it festers and burns for a lifetime unless we start the healing process.

So how does the healing process start?

By recognizing God as "El Roi," the God who sees. He is awake and engaged and fully focused on you, your heart, your soul, your life. Kay Arthur says in the book, ***"God saw it all. He knows the sin that was committed against you. And someday He will vindicate you. There is forgiveness, but to those who refuse to receive the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, there is also a day of judgement. And it will be a righteous judgement, for God saw it all (2 Thess. 1:5-10.)"***

Though we don't understand it, we know God is sovereign, good, and just. He sees what we can't. He knows what we don't. We must know

Him, believe in Him, and trust Him. Life is not easy and it is not always good, but God is good. We are protected and loved by the God who sees it all.

In the Bible

Read Genesis 16

Hebrews 4:13

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

(Optional) Read Psalm 139

Questions

- 1.) How do you feel about what happened to Hagar? Why? (from Genesis 16) Are there any parallels to your own life?
- 2.) How do you feel about God seeing everything when things go horribly wrong? Is it comforting? Frustrating? Both?
- 3.) We talked about God bringing judgement to those who don't believe. Do you trust God enough to let go of the judgement yourself? Do you trust God to know better, even if that person believes and is forgiven?
- 4.) In what other situations would it help to know God as El Roi? How? Be specific and practical.