

## THOUGHTS FOR SERMONS

### "A Most Comforting Thought"

**Isaiah 49:15-16; Jeremiah 31:20; Luke 13:34; 1 Corinthians 13:12**

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** A test was conducted to see how well mothers who had breast fed their newborn babies knew them. The mothers were blindfolded and asked to identify which of the three sleeping babies was theirs. Most of the mothers knew their baby by touching the tiny hands or feet or by the "smell" of the baby.

1. If a mother knows and loves her child, then how much more does the Lord know and love His children?
  - How can a mother forget the baby she breast fed and have no compassion for that child she has borne?
  - The Lord is the ULTIMATE parent and He can pick His children out of anywhere.
    - He never forgets His children, even in times of their failure and infidelity.
  - The Lord keeps His children permanently before His watchful eyes.
    - His children are etched upon His hand and heart.
  - The closest comparison to the Love of God for His children is the love that a mother has for her infant child.
2. Even though the love of a mother may fail at some point, the Lord will never leave or forsake His Children.
  - God yearns for His people - Jeremiah 31:20
  - Jesus cried and shed tears over Jerusalem - Luke 13:34
  - Like a mother loves her children, so much more is the Lord's love for His children.
    - The Lord can't get His children out of His mind! He has eyes for His children alone!
3. A most comforting thought is the fact that God knows US and loves US.
  - It is not just knowing about us but He actually knows US personally and thoroughly and still loves us.
  - God's knowledge of US existed before WE came to know Him.
    - WE would never have known the Lord had He decided to remain distant and silent.
  - 1 Corinthians 13:12
4. What is so important and so comforting is not the fact that WE know God, but the fact that HE KNOWS US!
  - WE are graven on the palms of His hands.
  - WE are never out of His mind.
  - All our knowledge of Him depends on Him knowing US.
  - WE know Him because He first knew US and continues to know US and there is never a moment when His eye is off US.

**CONCLUSION:** As YOU come to the Lord, know that He knows and loves you with an undefeatable love.

- Let Him wrap His strong arms around everything about you for He knows and loves YOU.