

## A Very Important Person

"Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD." Jeremiah 9:23-24

Most people wish to be well-known; a famous composer, singer, movie star, politician – even a notorious criminal if all else fails. What makes a person important? To whom is he important, his wife, his children, his God? What makes a person well known? Who knows him well?

When you die, the only One who needs to know you is your Creator, and He already knows you well. All who knew you well in this life cease to be important. Nothing in Scripture, of which I am aware, suggests that you will know other people in eternity. Peter, James, and John may have been aware of who Elijah and Moses were on the Mount of Transfiguration, but this does not mean that they knew them, any better than you know them. To recognize someone is different from knowing someone.

However, let's assume that the opposite is the case; others in eternity will know you. What about you will they know? Will they know your thought life, your motives, the things you did in secret? Do you want to be known in eternity? The wise follower of Christ only wants to be known by Him.