

Central Shelby SOWER



*"A sower went out
to sow his seed...
The seed is the
word of God."
--Luke 8:5,11*

FLIGHT 370: WHO KNOWS?

On March 8, at 12:41am local time, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 departed from Kuala Lumpur International airport. The Boeing 777-200ER aircraft, carrying 12 crewmembers and 227 passengers, was scheduled to arrive in Beijing at 6:30 that morning. It never arrived.

Twenty-six minutes after takeoff, the plane's last transmission via an onboard text-and-data messaging system was made. Twelve minutes later, the last words were exchanged between the flight crew and air traffic controllers: "Good night Malaysian three seven zero." Then, nothing.

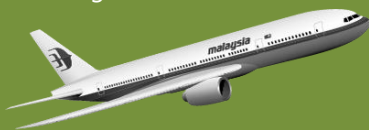
What happened to Flight 370 and its 239 occupants? Foul play, including terrorism, has been a chief suspicion from the start. But nobody knows. On March 18, it officially became the longest disappearance in modern aviation history. Today is May 16!

Where is this Boeing 777? Satellites, aircraft, and ships have been searching. This past week Chinese and Australian naval boats detected possible black box signals in the Indian ocean, approximately 2,000 miles south of Flight 370's departure point. Could this be the resting place of the missing?

What? Where? How? Who? Why? All these are questions many people want answered. There is just too much uncertainty.

One thing is certain, though: God knows.

- Proverbs 15:3, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good."
- 2 Chronicles 16:9, "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole world..."
- Hebrews 4:13, "And there is no creature hidden from His sight..."



God knows what happened to that aircraft, when it turned off course, where it headed. He knows why. He knows where it went down. Whether or not men ever come to a knowledge of such, God knows. And, He knows the pilots. He knows each passenger on board. He knows where their physical bodies are, and He knows where their spirits reside. God knows.

Turning our thoughts homeward, God as well knows each of US – and ABOUT each of us, whether we're on a plane or train, in a car or boat, at work or play, at home or afar. He knows "my sitting down and my rising up" and is "acquainted with all my ways" (Psalm 139:2,3). Jesus said, "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Luke 12: 6-7). It appears that God not only knows all about us, He's also conscious of all He knows. Amazing.

A lot of people think of the Lord as a detached God, that we are removed from his sight and concern. Nothing could be further from the truth. "Am I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD" (Jeremiah 23:23-24).

Knowing just a little about God's omniscience might elicit a response of fear. Nothing inappropriate about that. But let us find comfort in our knowledge of God's knowledge. He takes note of and is concerned about us. We're not lost from His sight – ever. He knows the what, where, how, who, why, and when of our lives. He knows and is ever near. And that's something that each of His children should find reassuring. (Isaiah 40:27-28)

--Mike Noble