

# Psalm 139



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**For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.**

1 You have searched me, Lord,  
and you know me.

2 You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

3 You discern my going out and my lying  
down;

you are familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too  
lofty for me to attain.

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

<sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and  
the light become night around me,"

<sup>12</sup> even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

13 For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's  
womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and  
wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths  
of the earth.



16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in  
your book  
before one of them came to be.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.

<sup>19</sup> If only you, God, would slay the wicked!  
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

<sup>20</sup> They speak of you with evil intent;  
your adversaries misuse your name.

<sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD,  
and abhor those who are in rebellion  
against you?

<sup>22</sup> I have nothing but hatred for them;  
I count them my enemies.

23 Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.



# I can't escape God's knowledge of me 1-6

- God is all-knowing in the sense that He is aware of the past, present, and future.
- Nothing takes him by surprise. His knowledge is total and complete.

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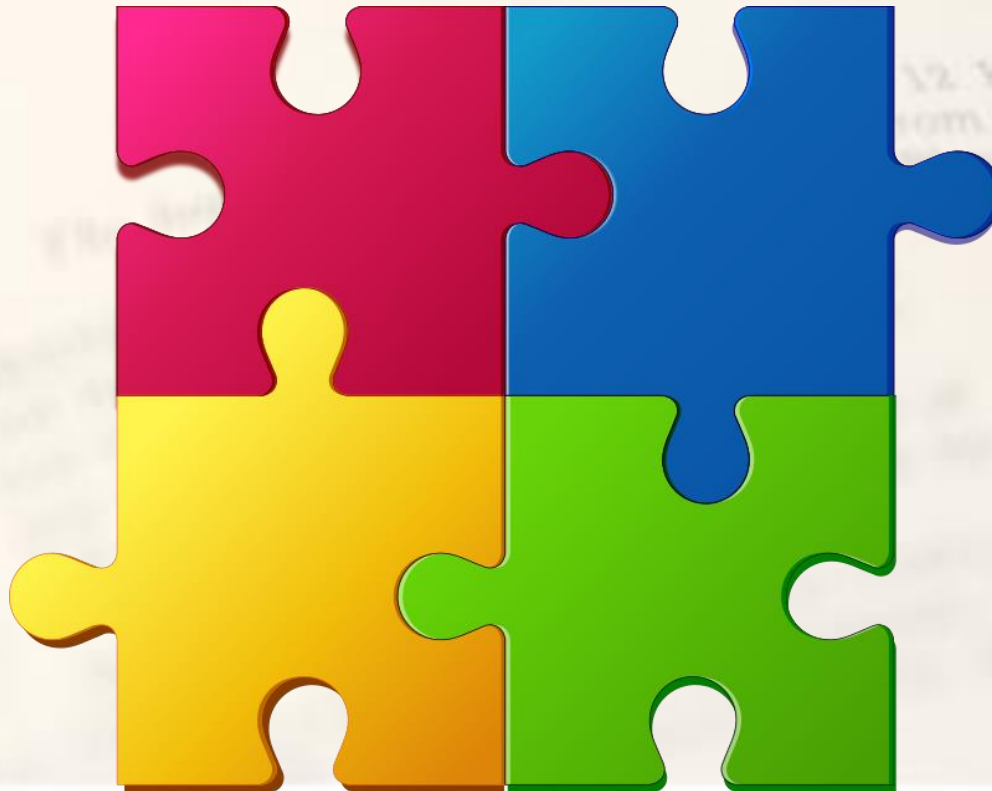
To David, God's omniscience is not theological discussion or philosophy debate—it's relational and personal.

# I can't escape God's presence 7-12

- God's Omnipresence / All Present
- This means that all of God is everywhere at once.

He is not: 1 part Love, 1 part Mercy, 1 part Just and  
1 part Righteous

He is complete in all of these things and He is  
always present



# I can't escape God's work 13-16

- God made us, and there is no doubt that he knows us
- God made me through His creative power, and He ordained all of my days before any of them came into being (v. 16)!

# “fearfully and wonderfully made”

- I am not a blob from science, I am not a mistake in creation
- This gives me value,
- Gives me a purpose and a direction- this is why I live.



# I can't escape God's Goodness 17-18

- Count your Blessings
- God is actually and always thinking about you- vs 17
- Greatest Blessing: When I awake, I am still with you-vs 18

# I can't escape God's enemies 19-22

- Ro. 12:9 says: Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.
- ISIS/ISIL popular ones today
- The abuse of children and torture of others
- over 46 verses say the God Hates injustice

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If you are an enemy of God and His creation then you are an enemy of mine.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry from the way, when his wrath is kindled that put the

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God I will fight against injustice, and I will let you figure the rest out.

# I can't escape God's desire for openness and honesty 23-24

- Search my heart because sometimes I am blinded to the truth
- Search my faithfulness
- Search my motives
- Search my desires
- Search my intent

Search my past hurts and failures

Correct and change my perceptions and misconceptions

Renew my mind and spirit

Love leaves –

NEVER will I leave you nor forsake you

I love you with an everlasting love

# Lead me in the way Everlasting vs 24

- Leaving in the light of eternity is really the only thing that matters.
- A big house, a nice car, a bank account is not the measure or standard of success.
- The only thing that will last forever is the things of God



## Matthew 6:19-21

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

# A Powerful Prayer

- Search me
- Show me
- Heal me
- Lead me

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