



Midweek Study

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Fully Known, Deeply Loved Psalm 139

POINT #1: THE GREATNESS OF GOD TOUCHES MY LIFE

In Verses 1-16 we see how an All-Knowing, All-Present, and Eternal God knows each of us individually and is with us through every step in our journey; from before we were created all the way through eternity.

Verses 1-6 (ESV)

- ¹ Lord, you have searched me and known me!
- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Verses 7-12 (ESV)

- ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
- ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

Verses 13-16 (ESV)

- ¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

POINT #2: OUR RESPONSE TO THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Verses 17 through 24 talks about God's innumerable thoughts, a longing for righteousness, and a humble prayer to search and lead us forevermore.

Verses 17 & 18 (ESV)

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

¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

Verses 19-22 (ESV)

¹⁹ Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!

²⁰ They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

²² I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.

Verses 23 & 24 (ESV)

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

These verses were a closing prayer; a genuine willingness to be searched by God; which is consistent with the statements that God fully knows us and loves us deeply;

- to check my attitudes as well as my actions;
- to check my words as well as my works.

Our confidence is that He will lead in the way everlasting, the way of truth and righteousness.