

Psalm 139 - The Attributes of God

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[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]

God's Omniscience

1 LORD, You have searched me and known *me*.

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1 LORD, you have examined me; you have known me.

1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 You know when I sit down and when I get up; You understand my thought from far away.

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar.

2 You know when I rest and when I am active. You understand what I am thinking when I am distant from you.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

3 You scrutinize my life and my rest; you are familiar with all of my ways.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, LORD, You know it all.

4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

4 Even before I have formed a word with my tongue, you, LORD, know it completely!

4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

5 You have encircled me behind and in front, And placed Your hand upon me.

5 You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

5 You encircle me from back to front, placing your hand upon me.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

6 *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is *too* high, I cannot comprehend it.

6 *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is *too* high, I cannot attain to it.

6 Knowledge like this is too amazing for me. It is beyond my reach, and I cannot fathom it.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

God's Omnipresence

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

7 Where can I flee from your spirit? Or where will I run from your presence?

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

8 If I rise to heaven, there you are! If I lay down with the dead, there you are!

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 *If I take up the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,*

9 *If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,*

9 *If I take wings with the dawn and settle down on the western horizon*

9 *If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;*

10 Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will take hold of me.

10 Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

10 your hand will guide me there, too, while your right hand keeps a firm grip on me.

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 *If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night,"*

11 *If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night,"*

11 *If I say, "Darkness will surely conceal me, and the light around me will become night,"*

11 *If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.*

12 Even darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike *to You*.

12 Even the darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike *to You*.

12 even darkness isn't dark to you, darkness and light are the same to you.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

God's Omnipotence

13 **For** You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

13 It was you who formed my internal organs, fashioning me within my mother's womb.

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully *made*; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

14 I praise you, because you are fearful and wondrous! Your work is wonderful, and I am fully aware of it.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully formed in the depths of the earth;

15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

15 My frame was not hidden from you while I was being crafted in a hidden place, knit together in the depths of the earth.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Your eyes have seen my formless substance; And in Your book were written All the days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

16 Your eyes looked upon my embryo, and everything was recorded in your book. The days scheduled for my formation were inscribed, even though not one of them had come yet.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are Your thoughts for me, God! How vast is the sum of them!

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

17 How deep are your thoughts, God! How great is their number!

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.

18 If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.

18 Were I to count them, they would number more than the sand. When I awake, I will be with you.

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

David's Loyalty (Imprecatory Psalm)

19 If only You would put the wicked to death, God; Leave me, you men of bloodshed.

19 O that You would slay the wicked, O God; Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.

19 God, if only you would execute the wicked, so that the men guilty of bloodshed would get away from me,

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they speak against You wickedly, And Your enemies take *Your name* in vain.

20 For they speak against You wickedly, And Your enemies take *Your name* in vain.

20 who speak against you with evil motives, your enemies who are acting in vain.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do I not hate those who hate You, LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

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

21 I hate those who hate you, LORD, do I not? I loathe those who rebel against you, do I not?

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies.

22 I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies.

22 With consummate hatred I hate them; I consider them my enemies.

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, God, and know my heart; Put me to the test and know my anxious thoughts;

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

23 Examine me, God, and know my mind, test me, and know my thoughts.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there is *any* hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

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

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.