

A Study of the Psalms

Psalm 139

Psalm 139:13-16

Psalm 139

- The Prayer of a Believing Heart
 - The omniscient God. vs 1-6

Psalm 139

- 1 O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.
- 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.*

* “You observe my travels and my rest; you are aware of all my ways.” (vs 3, CSB)

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- 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But
behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.
- 5 You have hedged ***enclosed; encircled (CSB)** me
behind and before, And laid Your hand
upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It
is high, I cannot attain it.**

**** Beyond human powers to comprehend;
cf. Deut 29:29**

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 - The omnipresent God. vs 7-12

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- 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where
can I flee from Your presence?
- 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I
make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning, ***rising sun**
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
the far end of the Mediterranean, to the west of Israel
- 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And
Your right hand shall hold me.

**vs 8-9 - Opposites: heaven and hell; rising sun and
setting sun – everything in between is included.**

Psalm 139

- 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,” Even the night shall be light about me;
- 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

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 - The God of creation. vs 13-18

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

"...you knit me together in my mother's womb." (CSB)

14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

15 My frame ***bones** was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

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- 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.
- 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

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 - *The omnipresent God. vs 7-12*
 - *The God of creation. vs 13-18*
 - Concluding prayer for the wicked and for self. vs 19-24

Psalm 139

- 19 Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God!
Depart from me, therefore, you
bloodthirsty men.
- 20 For they speak against You wickedly; Your
enemies take Your name in vain.
- 21 Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You?
And do I not loathe those who rise up
against You?
- 22 I hate them with perfect ***complete** hatred; I
count them my enemies.

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- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;
- 24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. ***cf. Psa 5:8; 143:10**