

Psalm 139

One of my personal favorites, this magnificent psalm written by David, who was not surprisingly considered “the sweet psalmist of Israel” (2 Samuel 23:1).

This psalm often titled, “*Search Me, O God,*” speaks of God’s universal presence, His infinite knowledge of our every thought, word and deed. God is marvelously at work from life’s embryotic inception, and He knows our completed biography before it is even lived out. His omnipresence also provides assurance that He is always within reach and nothing is hidden from Him.

The all-knowing God *really* knows me. David prayed to Yahweh, knowing that God had intimate knowledge of him. David knew God cared enough to have **searched** and to have **known** him (vs. 1). I find this extremely comforting and liberating that God knows everything, literally, *everything!* His purpose for this intimate knowledge is for our protection, not judgment or condemnation (vs. 5). No wonder David then says, **such knowledge is too wonderful for me...** (vs. 6). David understood that God knew him better than he knew himself, a wonderful and humble place to be.

Where can I go from Your Spirit (vs. 7-8)? God has no blind spots and there is no place in all creation I can flee from God’s presence. **Heaven** is not too high and **hell** isn’t too low; there are no limits to God’s presence.

Not only did **the eternal God formed me... in Your book they were all written, the days fashioned for me** (vs. 13-16). God’s perfect knowledge not only extended to the past, before David was born. It also extended to the future; God knew David’s days as if they had been written in a book. Rephrasing, not only are each of us an *awesome wonder*, but God also *intimately knows* all the days of our lives. That’s the personal God is He.

David was a man “after God’s heart” for he understood that God had perfect knowledge, had constant presence, was a God of love, and could be trusted to search him and to know him at the deepest levels. David asks God to examine his thoughts and purge him of sin due to his longing to be God... and this too should be our prayer.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;
And see if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting** (vs. 23-24).