

PSALM 139 – 2026 Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart

(Vs. 1-6) – God’s Omniscience - All-knowing!

[1] For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. O LORD, You have searched me (thoroughly) and known me.

[2] You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand (comprehend, discern) my thought afar off.

The psalmist is aware of how completely and thoroughly God knows him and knows all about him even as God knows you and knows all about you! LORD, You know my thoughts before I think them, You know the origins of my thoughts.

[3] You comprehend (discern) my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

That acknowledgement, realization of how thoroughly and completely God knew about every facet of his life, and of mine!

[4] For there is not a word on my tongue (still unuttered), But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

[5] You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

He is omniscient, He surrounds us. He is in front; He is in back; His hand is upon us. His hand has been on me, every step.

[6] Such (infinite) knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

(Vs. 7-12) - God’s Omnipresence- All-presence!

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

Now we are going to deal with the omnipresence of God. God is everywhere. How can I escape him?

[8] If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell (Sheol, place of the dead), behold, 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.

Jonah discovered that he could not escape from the presence of God; even thrown into the sea.

Our problem is the lack of the consciousness of His presence. Be more aware I cannot escape His presence.

[11] If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be (the only) 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. - With God it doesn’t make any difference whether it’s dark or light, it’s all the same to Him.

(Vs. 13-18) - God’s Omnipotence- All power! - Psalms 139:13 For You formed (created) my inward parts; You covered me (knit me together) in my mother's womb.

You are in control of my life, The One who is holding the reins of my life, even before I was born God knew me. To Jeremiah, He said, “Before you were ever formed I knew you.” He spoke of Cyrus 150 years before he was born,

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

Fearfully and wonderfully made! In His own image! A body can mend itself. Tremendous wisdom in creation. Consider and all my marvelous attributes, capacities of sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch.

[15] My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought (as embroidered, braided with various colors) in the lowest parts of the earth.

In the womb when those two half-cells came together, beginning reproduction, God knew all about me.

[16] Your eyes saw my substance (frame), being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days (all of them) fashioned (ordained, written) for me, When as yet there were none of them.

I think of this scripture in light of abortion. The humanist just call it tissue, never as baby, but a fetus! That is not the way God sees it! It is a human being, a person from the moment of conception.

[17] How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great (vast) is the sum of them!

Absolutely astounding and amazing that God would think about me, among the billions there are in the world today. Yet God thinks about me! He knows the number of my hairs on my head. He thinks of you all the time!

[18] If I should count (to the end of) them, they would be more in number (est. 10 to 25th power) than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You (not so with the wicked!)

It is estimated there are ten to the twenty-fifth power grains of sand in the earth! That is a lot of thinking. If God thinks about you a billion times every minute He will be thinking about you for several thousand years.

When I awake, I am still with You. The psalmist realizes that the wicked are going to be to be destroyed.

(Vs. 19-22) - God's Sovereignty - All sovereign – [19] Oh, that You (only) would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty (murderous) men. To the wicked: *Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.* The bloody men, the murderous men, who shed blood.

[20] For they speak against You wickedly (with wicked intent); Your enemies take Your name in vain.

I sort of shudder the way some people speak of God contemptuously, wickedly.

[21] Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? It really grieves my heart to read what is said against Christianity, purity, morality and against God. Jesus said to love your enemies,

[22] I hate them with perfect (complete) hatred; I count them my enemies. With no approval whatever of their conduct; entire disapproval and condemning. Hate the sin! Love the sinner!

(vs. 23-24) David's Prayer! [23] Search me (thoroughly), O God, and know my heart; Try (test) me, and know my anxieties; [24] And see if there is any wicked (offensive, grievous) way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Knowing that God has searched me and that God knows me, he ends up praying "LORD, search me and know my heart. Try me, put me through my tests and know my thoughts." Not for the purpose that God might know me.

Lord, let me go through the trial that I might know myself. It is in trials that I really get to know myself. When the pressure is on, when I am going through a real testing or temptation, then I really know myself. Do I really trust in the Lord when the chips are down, or do I begin to connive and try to work it out myself? God reveals.

Compare yourself with Jesus and then how do you look? I am not the standard of comparison, He is. Lord, put the test on so I do not rely upon myself, but rely upon God at all times. I do not trust in myself, I trust in God. I do not look within myself for strength, I look unto God for my strength and my help. I do not become self-reliant, I become God-reliant.

That is what David is praying, You search me and know my heart, try me, know my thoughts Lord, then You see if there be any wicked way in me. Lord, let it be exposed, let me see that in my life that is not in line with what You want, not in harmony with You. Lead me in Your everlasting path. Amen!

Be encouraged! (1Co 15:58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Amen!