

Psalm 139:1-24

The Infinite and Intimate God

- **I. Introduction:** David wrote this psalm to express his praise of God's omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, and holiness.
- II. The Infinite and Intimate God (Psa 139:1-24).
 - A. His Insightful Knowledge (vv. 1-6).
 - 1. David declared that God possessed complete and intimate knowledge of every aspect of his life, including his actions, words, thoughts, and movements.
 - B. His Inescapable Presence (vv. 7-12).
 - 1. David recognized that he could never escape God's omnipresent spirit, for God was everywhere simultaneously and saw him wherever he went.
 - C. His Intricate Power (vv. 13-18).
 - 1. David praised God for intricately forming him in the womb and crafting every detail of his body and soul with divine precision.
 - D. His Incomprehensible Holiness (vv. 19-24).
 - 1. David asked God to destroy the wicked and search his own heart for evil, so that he might forsake it and pursue the Lord's righteous path.
- **III.** Conclusion: David composed this psalm declaring wonder at God's knowledge of him, constant presence, infinite power, and perfect holiness.



Questions About: The Infinite, Personal God

- 1. Have you ever wondered if God really cares about you? How did David praise God's character in a personal way? (Psa 139:1-24) What does this psalm say about God?
- 2. What did David say about God's knowledge? (Psa 139:1-6) What does it mean that God knows when we sit down and rise up? (v. 2) Or that He scrutinizes our path? (v. 3)
- 3. What did God know about David's thoughts? (Psa 139:4-6; Matt 6:8) Why did David say that God enclosed him? (v. 5) What did he think about God's knowledge? (v. 6; Isa 55:9)
- 4. What did David say about God's presence? (Psa 139:7-12) What did he say the darkness was like to God? (vv. 11-12) How was this a comfort to David? Why should it comfort us?
- 5. How involved was God in your creation? (Psa 139:13-18) What words did David use to describe God's involvement? (vv. 13-16) Does this change your view of God?
- 6. What did David say about God's knowledge of his days? (**Psa 139:16-18**) How much does God think about you? (v. 17) Does this change your perception of Him?
- 7. What was David's conclusion about God's holiness? (Psa 139:19-24) Why did David want God to slay the wicked? (v. 19) Why did he loathe sinners also? (vv. 19-22)
- 8. Why did David ask God to search his own heart? (Psa 119:23-24) How should we likewise desire God to cleanse us from sin? (1 John 1:9) Would you ask God to search your heart?

Prayer

- 1. Pray that God would comfort you with the knowledge of His infinite character.
- 2. Ask God to search your heart and reveal any sin that needs to be confessed and forsaken.