

Let the Word of Christ Dwell in You Richly – A Study of the Psalms

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.

4 For there is not a word on my tongue,

But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

5 You have hedged 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 thought.*

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,

And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10 Even there Your hand shall lead me,

And Your right hand shall hold me.

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.

Attribute of God: Omniscience

How do we understand this attribute in view of the Law?

We can't hide our sins from God.

How do we understand this attribute in view of the Gospel?

He knows our needs.

Attribute of God: Omnipresence

How do we understand this attribute in view of the Law?

We can't hide from God.

How do we understand this attribute in view of the Gospel?

He is always with us.

Bad things will happen to the believer.

"Heaven" or "Hell"

High or Low

Life or death

Good or Bad

Light or Darkness

John 8:12

St Paul

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God...

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

14 I will praise You,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ^{v. 6}
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest
parts of the earth. ^{Embryo}

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.

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 hatred;
I count them my enemies. ^{complete}

Attribute of God: omnipotence

How do we understand this attribute in view of the Law?

God has all power to judge.

How do we understand this attribute in view of the Gospel?

God has all power to forgive

ledger record

RESPONSE OF FAITH

^{Heavy / Valuable} → CSB "difficult"

What is the believer's attitude toward:

Neighbor:

LOVE

↳ defined by God.

God:

Honor / praise / thankfulness

What is "perfect hatred?"

To hate what God hates.

1 John 3:15

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^{v. 1} **23** Search me, O God, and ^{v. 1} know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties; *disgusting*
thoughts
24 And see if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

How does the believer understand fear in view of faith?

God knows / He has power over fear.

Healthy fear in God's law

Psalm 139 Theme: _____

Related Passages:

John 21:17

Matthew 28:18-20

Isaiah 6:1-7

Jesus is...

1. *All powerful*
2. *All knowing*
3. *All Present*

Therefore, Jesus is...

→ *GOD*

To memorize:

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Next Lesson: Psalms 2 & 8