

PSALMS

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“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” (A.W. Tozer)

HERE ARE FOUR ATTRIBUTES OF GOD SEEN IN PSALM 139:

#1 God knows everything (OMNISCIENT)

Psalm 139:1-6, ¹ You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

God knows my:

- Character: “you have searched me...know me” (1)
- Conduct: “know...sit/rise/going/lying/all my ways” (2-3)
- Conversation: “before a word is on my tongue” (4)
- Chaos: “you hem me in behind & before” (5)

This is both comforting (because He’s a loving Father) & convicting (because He’s a righteous judge).

#2 God is everywhere (OMNIPRESENT)

Psalm 139:7-12, ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,” ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

God is with me no matter the:

- Distance I go: “the heavens/depths, you are there...” (8)
 - This means we’ll always have direction (“will guide me”, 10)
 - This means we’ll always have protection (“will hold me fast”, 10)
- Darkness I see: “If I say...darkness will hide me...” (11)
 - Even when we feel like the sadness & evil are too much, God Hasn’t abandoned us.
 - What is dark to us, “is as light to you” (12)

#3 God can do anything (OMNIPOTENT)

Psalm 139:13-18, ¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.

God used His power to:

- Form my body: “created my inmost being...” (13); “knit me together in my mother’s womb.” (14)
- Pre-plan my life: “all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be” (16)
- Think about me: “How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!” (17-18)

#4 God will deal with everyone (OMNICOMPETENT)

Psalm 139:19-24, ¹⁹ *You only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!* ²⁰ *They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.* ²¹ *Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?* ²² *I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.* ²³ *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.* ²⁴ *See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

God will deal with:

- The wicked: “*If only you, God, would slay the wicked*” (19-22)
- The humble: “*Search me God & know my heart; test me & know my anxious thoughts. See if there’s any offensive way in me, & lead me in the way everlasting.*” (23-24)

If you’ve humbly accepted Jesus, God has already dealt with your wickedness:

- Colossians 1:21-22, *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight without blemish and free from accusation.*

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