

Psalm 139

THE KNOWLEDGE, PRESENCE, AND POWER OF GOD AND OUR HEART

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God Knows Us

- 1) He knows us personally.
- 2) He knows us perfectly.

God is With Us

- 1) He is with us in life and in death.
- 2) He is with us in good and in evil.

God Forms Us

- 1) He creates us at conception.
- 2) He creates us as precious.

God Helps Us

- 1) He helps us from enemies outside ourselves.
- 2) He helps us from the enemy within ourselves.

Praying The Psalms

Prayers today often leave out our own sinfulness, repentance, and crying out to God for help. Yet this is a significant theme through the Psalms. Consider this puritan prayer in light of Psalm 139 and how it might help us to shape our own prayers with God.

“It is a good day to me when you give me a glimpse of myself; Sin is my greatest evil, but you are my greatest good; I have cause to loathe myself, and not to seek self-honor, for no one desires to commend his own dunghill.

My country, family, church fare worse because of my sins, for sinners bring judgment in thinking sins are small, or that God is not angry with them.

Let me now take other good men as my example, and think I am good because I am like them, for all good men are not so good as you desire, are not always consistent, do not always follow holiness, do not feel eternal good in sore affliction.

Show me how to know when a thing is evil which I think is right and good, how to know when what is lawful comes from an evil principle, such as desire for reputation or wealth by usury.

Give me grace to recall my needs, my lack of knowing your will in Scripture, of wisdom to guide others, of daily repentance ... And let me not lay my pipe too short of the fountain, never touching the eternal spring, never drawing down water from above.”

- ***The Valley of Vision***, Edited by Arthur Bennett