



GOD'S INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH US

PS 139

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SCRIPTURE READING

PS 139:1-6; 13-18 (ESV)

Ps 139:1-6 “1 ¶ «**TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.**» **O LORD, you have searched me and known me!**

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

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**4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

**5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay
your hand upon me.**

**6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it
is high; I cannot attain it.” (Ps 139:1-6 ESV)**

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Ps 139:13-18

“13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

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16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.

17 ¶ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.” (Ps 139:13-18 ESV)

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THESE ARE THE WORDS OF THE LIVING GOD

**THANK YOU GOD FOR HAVING SUCH LOVING CONCERN
FOR US.**

AMEN

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1 Corinthians 1:26

“26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

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28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

30 He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” (1Co 1:26-30 ESV)

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(Eph 2:4-7 ESV)

4 ¶ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

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7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” (Eph 2:4-7 ESV)



STRUCTURE OF PSALM 139

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“1 ¶ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” (1Jo 3:1-2 ESV)

GOD'S OMNIPRESENCE

- **“7 ¶ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?**
- **8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!” (Ps 139:7-8 ESV)**

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He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,

He sendeth more strength when the labours increase;

**To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.**

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,

When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,

When we reach the end of our hoarded resources

Our Father's full giving is only begun.

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**Fear not that thy need
shall exceed His
provision,
Our God ever yearns His
resources to share;
Lean hard on the arm
everlasting, availing;
The Father both thee
and thy load will upbear.**

**His love has no limits, His
grace has no measure,
His power no boundary
known unto men;
For out of His infinite
riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and
giveth again.**

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WONDERFULLY MADE

~~If you were to lay out all of the arteries, capillaries and veins~~ in one adult, end-to-end, they would stretch about 60,000 miles (100,000 kilometers). What's more, the capillaries, which are the smallest of the blood vessels, would make up about 80 percent of this length.

By comparison, the circumference of the Earth is about 25,000 miles (40,000 km). That means a person's blood vessels could wrap around the planet approximately 2.5

times! (from <https://www.livescience.com/39925-circulatory-system-facts-surprising.html>)

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HATRED AND LOATHING OF EVIL

**“21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?**

**22 I hate them with complete hatred; I count them
my enemies.” (Ps 139:21-22 ESV)**

20. **“6 if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;**
- **7 ¶ and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked**
 - **8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);” (2Pe 2:6-8 ESV)**

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“23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” (Ps 139:23-24 ESV)