

PSALM 139 – GOD’S PERFECT KNOWLEDGE OF MAN

Introduction

- 1) **Psalm 139** is a psalm of David
 - a) It reveals God’s perfect and all-encompassing knowledge of man
 - b) This is based on the divine attributes of God that makes that knowledge possible
- 2) This is very comforting to everyone who loves and follows God, but very uncomfortable for everyone who does not want God knowing all about them

I) **God’s Perfect Knowledge of our Lives**

- A) God is fully aware of our daily lives – searches and knows us (v. 1; cf. 1 Chron. 28:9; Matt. 10:30)
 - 1) This is because God is omniscient [all-knowing] (cf. Psa. 147:5)
 - 2) God is very interested in you and me (Psa. 8:4)
- B) God knows our:
 - 1) Activities (vv. 2-3)
 - 2) Thoughts (v. 2)
 - 3) Words (v. 4)
- C) God has a “hedge” [enclosure] of knowledge around us (v. 5), and is too great and awesome to fully grasp (v. 6)
 - 1) God knows us better than we know ourselves (1 Jn. 3:20)

II) **God’s Perfect Knowledge of our Presence**

- A) There is no place that we can go that God is not present (vv. 7-12)
 - 1) This is because God is omnipresent [all-present] (Prov. 15:3)
 - 2) “Your Spirit” = God’s presence; the Holy Spirit is God (deity, divine)
- B) God’s Spirit found in heaven, in Sheol [grave], uttermost parts of the sea
 - 1) The darkness of night cannot hide us from God (Heb. 4:13)

III) **God’s Perfect Knowledge of our Beginning**

- A) God, with His omnipotence power [all-power], formed and wove us in the womb of our mothers (v. 13)
 - 1) Mother and unborn child are distinct individuals in the sight of God
- B) Fearfully and wonderfully made by God’s design (v. 14) – the formation of a human being in the womb is amazing and wondrous
 - 1) God’s loving concern and care for our life begins at conception (vv. 15-16)

IV) **A Righteous Man’s Reaction to a Perfect God**

- A) Delights in God’s thoughts about him (vv. 17-18)
- B) Desires God’s judgment on evil (vv. 19-22)
- C) Entreats God to search his heart and lead him in the everlasting way (vv. 23-24)

Conclusion

Within God’s great and perfect knowledge we find what all men seek – glory, honor, and immortality. Only God can teach, cleanse, and lead us to eternal life. Follow Him today!