

**Reflection Questions:** Is David's desire (*Psalm 139:23-24*), my desire? Do I pray like this regularly? Why or why not? Do I truly want to become more holy or would I rather leave things as they are? If I don't want to become more holy, what does that say about my relationship with God?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*You and I, beloved, can rejoice that God, before whom kings are as grasshoppers, actually thinks of us, and thinks of us often.*

Charles Spurgeon

*Not mere omniscience, but a knowledge which knows him altogether, not mere omnipresence, but a presence which he can nowhere escape, not mere creative power, but a power which shaped him, fill and thrill the psalmist's soul.*

Alexander Maclaren

*A 'god' whose will is resisted, whose designs are frustrated, whose purpose is check-mated, possesses no title to Deity, and so far from being a fit object of worship, merits nought but contempt.*

Arthur W. Pink

*Since it is God we are speaking of, you do not understand it. If you could understand it, it would not be God.*

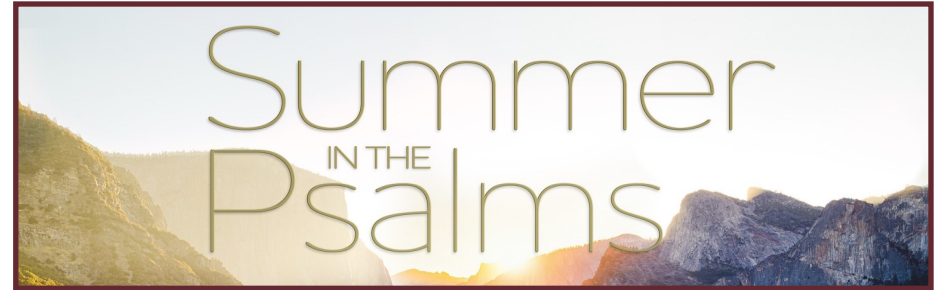
Augustine

*Any small thoughts that we may have of God are magnificently transcended by this psalm; yet for all its height and depth it remains intensely personal from first to last.*

Derek Kidner

*If there is such a thing as perfect hatred it would mirror and reflect the righteousness of God. It would be perfect to the extent that it excluded sinful attitudes of malice, envy, bitterness, and other attitudes we normally associate with human hatred. In this sense a perfect hatred could be deemed compatible with a love for one's enemies. One who hates his enemy with a perfect hatred is still called to act in a loving and righteous manner toward him.*

R. C. Sproul



Psalm 139

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

September 5, 2021

1. How Well Does God Know Me? He is All-Knowing (1-6)
2. How Near is God to Me? He is Ever-Present (7-12)
3. How Did I Come to Be? God is All-powerful (13-18)
4. What Then Shall I Do? God is All-Holy (19-24)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read *Psalms 139*. What do we learn of God from this psalm?

Why do you think God is so interested in all the details of our lives?

3. Why are we afraid to be known thoroughly by others? By God?

4. Read the following verses. How does it make you feel to know that God is always with you? How do you know His presence?

*Psalms 139:7-12* —

*Matthew 1:23* —

*Isaiah 43:1-2* —

*Hebrews 13:5-6* —

5. How can we develop a sense of God's unshakable presence, so as not to sin?

6. In *Psalms 139:13-16*, what does David use as an example to show how powerful God is?

7. Read the following verses to see other proclamations of God's power.

*2 Chronicles 14:11* —

*Ephesians 3:20-21* —

*Psalms 62:11* —

*Revelation 19:6* —

8. According to *Psalms 139:17-18*, what does God think about? What does

that mean to us?

9. What do the following verses tell us about God's thoughts?

*Isaiah 55:8-9* —

*Matthew 10:30* —

*Jeremiah 29:11* —

*1 Corinthians 2:10-12* —

10. What do the following verses tell us about God's love for us?

*Jeremiah 31:3* —

*Romans 8:37-39* —

*Hosea 11:1-4* —

*1 John 3:1* —

*John 3:16-17* —

*1 John 4:16* —

11. Whom did David view as his enemies (*Psalms 139:19-22*)? Why?

12. Does God love everyone equally (*Psalms 5:5-6*)? Explain. Must we love everyone equally (*Psalms 139:21-22*)? What does this mean?

13. Why did David want God to examine his heart and thoughts (*Psalms 139:23*)?

14. Why did David want God to lead him *in the everlasting way* (*Psalms 139:24*)? What does this mean?

15. After considering God as He is presented in *Psalms 139*, what meaning should the prayer of *verses 23-24* have for us?