



AN EXPOSITORY STUDY OF PSALM 139

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Good morning Church! Did you know that God sees everything, hears everything, and knows everything. This Psalm of David expresses the awe that God knew him, even to the minutest detail. Today, I would like to teach you some eternal attributes of God, at the same time pray for God to intervene and destroy the wickedness of man by His wrath. This is an intense and wonderful Psalm to read.

Psalm 139. 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. **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. **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! **9** If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, **10** even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. **11** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," **12** even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you. **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. **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 was 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. **19** Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! **20** They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain. **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. **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!"*

What do we know about God?

1. The Lord God is OMNISCIENT. (v 1-6)

2. The Lord God is OMNIPRESENT. (v 7-12)

"Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me."

Psalm 51:11

3. The Lord God is OMNIPOTENT. (v 13-18)

4. David's RESPECT Toward A DIVINE God.(19-24)

- Praying this psalm is not a call to ARMS, but a call to FAITH.

The Bible tells us...

- We were once ENEMIES of God. (Col. 1:21-22)

*"And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, **22** he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him," **Colossians 1:21-22***

- We are called to PRAY for our persecutors. (Matt. 5:44)

Ways to apply Prayer for the Wicked:

1. We Pray with CAUTION by SEEKING to ADVANCE God's Kingdom.
2. We Recognize GOD as the Sole Source of DELIVERANCE and Righteous JUDGMENT.
3. We Distinguish Between CURSING Personal Enemies and God CURSING His Enemies.

*"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them." **Romans 12:14***

We can pray, "Father God, save the lost! While at the same time "Father God, pour out your judgment upon all evil and all perversions of the truth!" May we exercise wisdom in our prayers for the persecuted church.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*