

# SEARCH ME -- O GOD!

Psalm 139 begins with a heart-felt lament to God. King David pours his heart out before the Lord in Adoration and Praise with statements of his unworthiness before the Great God of Creation. Let's look at a few opening verses --

*"O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up -- You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me -- it is high, I cannot attain it."* (Psalm 139:1-6).

Simply put, David proclaims that God knows all about him -- every thought, every word, every action, every intent -- EVERYTHING. And we too must realize the same for ourselves -- there is no hiding from God.

He continues -- *"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend up to Heaven, You are there -- if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall find me, and Your right hand shall hold me."* (vs. 7-10). There is NO escape from God -- even darkness cannot hide us from God!

And then there are two wonderful and precious verses concerning our conception, forming and birth -- *"You have formed my inward parts -- You have covered me in my mother's womb. I will Praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made -- marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows right well. My substance was not hid from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully made . . . Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed"* (vs. 13-16). What a testimony to God's creation of our lives and bodies -- from life at conception through birth, God made us and sustained us -- WOW -- so much for the nonsensical statements of the pro-abortion crowd -- abortion is nothing less than out-and-out murder of a human being

And the chapter ends with the words -- *"Search me, O God, and know my heart -- try me, and know my thoughts -- and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way Everlasting"* (vs. 23,24).

In closing his prayer, David requests that God search his life and motives -- urging Him to look for any wickedness in him and requesting leadership of his being until the very end.

In order to have a clean and fulfilling life each of us must cry out to God to look us over very carefully and find in the deepest recesses of our beings anything that would keep us from living for Him. Then we must confess our shortcomings (1 John 1:9) and make sure we -- in His Power -- live our lives pleasing to Him, and in service to Him, in carrying the Good News of Salvation to all we come in contact with.

If you have experienced the forgiveness and life-changing which comes only through a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, then you will want others also to have the same experience. Share your new life with those you come in contact with, rejoice with them together and grow in the knowledge of His Word.

Jesus said just before His ascension into Heaven, *"You shall receive Power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you -- and you SHALL be witnesses of Me in your home town, and the surrounding areas, and the difficult places, and to the ends of the earth"* (Acts 1:8).

May our heart-cry be -- "Search me, O God, and know my heart"

