

I. Introduction: David wrote this psalm to express his awe that God knew him personally. God was not detached or uninterested but was intimately involved in his life.

II. The Intimate Nature of God (Psa 139:1-24).

A. God's Knowledge is Incomparable (vv. 1-6).

1. David proclaimed that God had searched the smallest details of his life, and He knew him so intimately that no one knew him more thoroughly than God.

B. God's Presence is Intimate (vv. 7-12).

1. David could not escape God's presence no matter where he went because God was everywhere all at once. He saw David in the darkness and the light.

C. God's Power is Intricate (vv. 13-18).

1. David said that God was personally involved in creating him. Even while he was in the womb, God was crafting him into the person he would become.

D. God's Justice is Impeccable (vv. 19-24).

1. David asked God to fight against his enemies because they hated God and desired to kill innocent people. It is why David had placed his hope in God.

III. Conclusion: David ended the psalm by asking God to search him to see if there was any sin in his life, and then he asked God to lead him in the path of righteousness.

Study Questions: The Intimate Nature of God

1. Have you ever felt alone? Do you wonder if God genuinely cares about you? Is God paying attention? Where is God when you are hurting? What does the Bible say? (**Psa 139:1-24**)
2. What did David say about God's knowledge? (**Psa 139:1-6**) What does it mean that God knows when you sit down and rise up? (**v. 2**) What does God scrutinize? (**v. 3**)
3. What did God know about David's thoughts? (**Psa 139:4-6; Matt 6:8**) Why did David say that God enclosed him? (**v. 5**) What did he think about God's knowledge? (**v. 6; Isa 55:9**)
4. What did David say about God's presence? (**Psa 139:7-12**) What did David say the darkness was like to God? (**vv. 11-12**) How was this a comfort to David? Why should it comfort you?
5. How involved was God in David's design? (**Psa 139:12-18**) What words did David use to describe God's participation in creating him? (**vv. 13-16**) Why should this comfort you?
6. What did David say that God knew about his days? (**Psa 139:16-18**) How many thoughts does God have about you? (**v. 17**) Does this change your perception of God?
7. What was David's conclusion about God's knowledge, presence, and involvement? (**Psa 139:19-24**) How would you respond? Why did David hate sinners? (**vv. 19-22**)
8. What was David's final request from God? (**vv. 23-24**) Would you ask God to expose the sin in your life? (**v. 24**) Would you ask God to eliminate it? What does God want to do in you?

Prayer

1. Pray that God would comfort you with an appreciation of His knowledge and presence.
2. Ask God to search your heart and reveal any sin that might be undetected in you.