



The following is the summary of the Sunday sermon that is sent to the body at Steadfast in an email called "The Weekly"

Psalm 139

The Character of God and Our Father

God gave us a tremendous gift when He had David write Psalm 139. David presents a magnificent picture of God and then demonstrates what our response should be in light of who He is. God is omniscient! He knows everything past, present, and future perfectly. God is also omnipresent. He is everywhere present at all times. We should be comforted by the fact that God knows everything and that He is everywhere. He's not surprised by anything you are going through. Not only does He know what you are going through, He also knows what's best for you. This should comfort us and cause us to live in the light. The natural response to our failures, mistakes, and sin is to hide. We are quick to run to the shadows, but you cannot hide from God! Verse 12 says, "Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day." This also should cause us to rejoice in His marvelous grace. It is absolutely astounding that God knows everything about us and still loves us. He's seen everything we have ever done, knows every thought we've ever had, heard every word we have ever spoken, and still loves us! I concur with David when he says in verse 6, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it." God is also the creator. He created you the way He wanted you. He is the giver of both physical life and eternal life. His thoughts toward us outnumber the sand. After reflecting on God's character David says in verses 23-24, "*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.*" Let God be the examiner!

Chuck Swindoll wrote this prayer in response to these verses. "Lord, I gladly open all the closets of my life, every room and every corner. Scrutinize my thoughts and examine my motives, Lord show me what needs attention. Reveal to me what brings pain to you in my life."

I encourage you to pray this prayer and conclude by praying "And lead me in the everlasting way."

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