



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
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WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

May 1st, 2024

**“Song of the
All-Knowing & All-Present God”
Psalm 139**

PSALM 139

One of the most notable of the sacred hymns. It sings the omniscience and omnipresence of God, inferring from these the overthrow of the powers of wickedness, since he who sees and hears the abominable deeds and words of the rebellious will surely deal with them according to his justice. The brightness of this psalm is like unto a sapphire stone, or Ezekiel's "terrible crystal"; it flames out with such flashes of light as to turn night into day. Like a Pharos, this holy song casts a clear light even to the uttermost parts of the sea, and warns us against that practical atheism which ignores the presence of God, and so makes shipwreck of the soul.¹

TITLE. - *To the Chief Musician.* The last time this title occurred was in Psalm cix. This sacred song is worthy of the most excellent of the singers, and is fitly dedicated to the leader of the Temple psalmody, that he might set it to music, and see that it was devoutly sung in the solemn worship of the Most High. *A Psalm of David.* It bears the image and superscription of King David, and could have come from no other mint than that of the son of Jesse. Of course the critics take this composition away from David, on account of certain Aramaic expressions in it. We believe that upon the principles of criticism now in vogue it would be extremely easy to prove that Milton did not write *Paradise Lost*. We have yet to learn that David could not have used expressions belonging to "the language of the patriarchal ancestral house." Who knows how much of the antique speech may have been purposely retained among those nobler minds who rejoiced in remembering the descent of their race? Knowing to what wild inferences the critics have run in other matters, we have lost nearly all faith in them, and prefer to believe David to be the author of this psalm, from internal evidences of style and matter, rather than to accept the determination of men whose modes of judgment are manifestly unreliable.

The Treasury of David

by Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

VOLUME VII, PASSMORE & ALABASTER EDITION

(emphasis in original)

Devotional Thoughts from Psalm 139

REFLECTION. Often types and foreshadows from Scripture, concerning Messiah, will ultimately fail and fall short... because finite man is attempting to declare and infinite God. Likewise, the foreshadows of Christ found in the prophets' and patriarchs' lives and circumstances will fall short because all descendants of fallen Adam fall short of God's glory. Nevertheless, the reality of Christ's humanity can be seen in this beloved psalm; since the Lord Jesus

¹ Pharos: "Any light-house for the direction of seamen; a watch-tower; a beacon." *Webster's Dictionary of American English (1828)*

Christ, as fully Man, humbly trusted in the sovereignty of an all-knowing and an everywhere-present heavenly Father.

Devotional Meditations from Psalm 139

- v1.** Christ Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. **John 1:48; 2:24-25; Heb 4:13; Rev 2:23**
- v5.** Christ Jesus, as sinless and humble Man laid aside His glory as God (John 17:5; Phil 2:6-8), so He was not privy to all knowledge. **Matt 24:36**
- v7.** Christ Jesus lived as a Man in the unbroken presence and fellowship of God the Father; and in the power of the Holy Spirit. **John 1:18; 10:30**
- v16.** Christ Jesus was prophesied to come; and God's ancient & eternal Word was penned to proclaim Christ's coming. **Psa 40:7-8; John 5:39**
- v17.** Christ Jesus was the Beloved of the heavenly Father. **Matt 3:17; 17:5; John 8:29**
- vv19-22.** At His return, Christ Jesus will judge the wicked with sword of His mouth. **Matt 12:36-37; 25:31-46; Rev 19:15**
- vv23-24.** The only Man who could truly ever say this without fear of judgment, reprisal, or retribution was the Man, Christ Jesus. **Isa 53:9; 1 Pet 2:22** (Deut 6:5)

Devotional Challenge from Psalm 139

- 1.** Read Psalm 139:1-3 and then read Deuteronomy 6:5-7. Compare the verses from the psalm with those in Deuteronomy. Why do you think these verses work together for good? How do these six verses express truth about the Lord Jesus Christ? How do these six verses apply to your life?
- 2.** Read Psalm 139:11-12. What do you think v11 means as it applies to you as a Christian? How does knowing the truth of v12 comfort you in difficulties and strengthen you in trials and tribulations?
- 3.** Read Psalm 139:13-14. What does this tell you about how God created you as a person? What does this tell you about how God called you and saved you through the Lord Jesus Christ? What does this say to you about the details of God's work in the lives of people and salvation of souls? How does this affect your life as a believer/unbeliever?

My Notes for Considering Psalm 139:

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