

OPEN BEFORE GOD
PSALM 139

Intro: 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. **Treasury of David**

- I. The _____ of God **Vs 1-6**
(Omniscience-God _____ everything about everything and everyone)
- A. God knows us because He has searched us **Vs 1** Searched-_____ examine
 - B. God knows what I _____ and when and where I do it **Vs 2a**
 - C. God knows what I think even _____ I think it **Vs 2b**
 - D. God is never _____ at my behavior, even though I may be **Vs 3**
 - E. God knows what I say and what I am _____ to say before I say it **Vs 4**
 - F. God goes before and _____ me, and places his hand of blessing on me **Vs 5**
 - G. David is totally _____ at the omniscience of God—are we? **Vs 6**
- II. The _____ of God **Vs 7-12**
(Omnipresence-God is _____ all the time, there is never a place where God is not)
- A. God is everywhere we are, we are _____ alone **Vs 7-10**
 - 1. *I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans,¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. NLT*
 - 2. *Jer 23:23-24 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.*
 - B. Even the darkness of night provides no _____ place from the presence of God **Vs 11-12**
- III. The _____ of God in His creation of human beings **Vs 13-16**
(Omnipotence-having _____ power over everything and everyone)
- A. God created us with _____ and grandeur. We are wonderfully made. **Vs 13-14**
 - 1. **Vs 13**-*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.* ESV
 - 2. **Vs 14**-*Fearfully and wonderfully made-reverently made by God with distinction from all other people*
 - B. I was a human being in God's sight even _____ I was born **Vs 15-16**
 - 1. **Vs 15**
 - a. *Substance*-_____ parts
 - b. *Secret*-_____
 - c. *Curiously wrought*-_____ woven together
 - d. *In the lowest parts of the earth*-_____ expression meaning in the dark of the mother's womb
 - 2. **Vs 16** *You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. NLT*
- IV. The awe-inspiring attributes of God bring _____ and confidence **Vs 17-18**
- A. The psalmist is not _____ at the fact that God knows all about him; on the contrary, he is comforted, and even feels himself to be _____. **Vs 17-18a**

B. As God is ever thinking on the believer, so the believer _____ ever be thinking on God. **Vs 18b**

V. This amazing understanding of God causes the Psalmist to wish _____ over those who turn away from God **Vs 19-24**

A. The Psalmist has a godly _____ for the behavior of the wicked **Vs 19-22**

B. The Psalmist is willing to be open for God's _____ so as to not become like those whose actions he hates **Vs 23-24**

Jeremiah 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.