

MIND-BOGGLING STUFF

(GOD KNOWS ME INTIMATELY SO HE CAN TAKE CARE OF ME PERFECTLY)

Psalm 139:1-24

INTRODUCTION: GOD IS A THOROUGH INVESTIGATOR

“O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*.”

I. (2-6) GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT ME = OMNISCIENCE

(WE ARE AN OPEN BOOK BEFORE GOD) Heb. 4:12-13; 1 Cor. 4:5

“I AM BEING READ LIKE A BOOK BY GOD, HIMSELF”

A. God Knows Everything I Do

“You know when I sit down and when I rise up”

B. God Knows Everything I Think

“You understand my thought from afar.”

C. God Knows Everywhere I Go

“You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.”

D. God Knows Everything I Say

“Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.”

E. God Uses This Knowledge to Provide Providential Protection

“You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me..”

God’s knowledge has a benevolent purpose.

F. Such Intimate Knowledge is Beyond our Comprehension

“*Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is *too* high, I cannot attain to it.”

II. (7-12) THERE IS NO PLACE WHERE I CAN HIDE FROM GOD’S SCRUTINY = OMNIPRESENCE “I AM COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY GOD’S PRESENCE”

A. Summary Question:

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?”

cf. the example of Jonah

B. Heaven or Sheol.

“If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there..”

C. East or West. Speed of light = 186,000 miles/ second. Lowest depth is (36,198 ft) beneath the Pacific Ocean at the bottom of the Mariana Trench.

“If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,”

D. Summary Principle: God’s Presence Is Intended to Guide and Protect Us

“Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.”

E. Darkness or Light

“If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night,”

Even the darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike *to You*..”

III. (13-16) GOD KNOWS ME FROM THE INSIDE OUT BECAUSE HE CREATED ME INDIVIDUALLY.. “GOD HAS AN INSIDE TRACK INTO MY LIFE”

(WE ARE COMPLETELY GOD’S CREATION – FROM A TO Z)

A. My Sovereign Creator Formed Me in My Mother’s Womb

“For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb..”

B. My Sovereign Creator Deserves Thanksgiving for an Awesome Work

“I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

C. My Sovereign Creator Was Involved Right From the Beginning.

“My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; {Musculoskeletal, Nervous, Circulatory, Immune, Respiratory, Digestive, Endocrine, and Reproductive Systems.}

D. My Sovereign Creator Ordained My Days Before I Ever Existed

“Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

IV. (17-18) “SUCH INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE IS A ‘GOOD THING’”

A. God’s Thoughts Regarding Me are Precious

“How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!

B. God’s Thoughts Regarding Me are Innumerable

“How vast is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand.”

C. God’s Presence With Me is Precious.

“When I awake, I am still with You.”

V. (19-22) “GOD’S ENEMIES ARE MY ENEMIES”

A. Longing for Divine Vengeance on the Wicked.

“O that You would slay the wicked, O God”

B. Longing for Separation from Violent Men

“Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.”

C. Indictment Against God’s Enemies

“For they speak against You wickedly,
And Your enemies take Your name in vain.”

D. Hatred for God’s Enemies / They Have Become My Enemies

“Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
I hate them with the utmost hatred;
They have become my enemies.”

VI. (23-24) CONCLUSION: KEEP SEARCHING AND LEADING ME

A. Keep Searching Me

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts;”

B. Keep Leading Me

“And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way. Psalmist not afraid of being put under the searchlight of God’s scrutiny. In this way God will vindicate him from unjustified attacks by the wicked; God will correct any of his sinful patterns and continue to lead him in the paths of righteousness.