

Psalm 139

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You Have Searched Me and Known Me

- 1**For the Leader. A Psalm of David. O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me.
- 2**Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off.
- 3**Thou measurest my going about and my lying down, And art acquainted with all my ways.
- 4**For there is not a word in my tongue, But, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether.
- 5**Thou hast hemmed me in behind and before, And laid Thy hand upon me.
- 6**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; Too high, I cannot attain unto it.
- 7**Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?
- 8**If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; If I make my bed in the nether-world, behold, Thou art there.
- 9**If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10**Even there would Thy hand lead me, And Thy right hand would hold me.
- 11**And if I say: 'Surely the darkness shall envelop me, And the light about me shall be night';
- 12**Even the darkness is not too dark for Thee, But the night shineth as the day; The darkness is even as the light.
- 13**For Thou hast made my reins; Thou hast knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14**I will give thanks unto Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
- 15**My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- 16**Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance, And in Thy book they were all written—Even the days that were fashioned, When as yet there was none of them.
- 17**How weighty also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

18If I would count them, they are more in number than the sand; Were I to come to the end of them, I would still be with Thee.

19If Thou but wouldest slay the wicked, O God—Depart from me therefore, ye men of blood;

20Who utter Thy name with wicked thought, They take it for falsehood, even Thine enemies—

21Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate Thee? And do not I strive with those that rise up against Thee?

22I hate them with utmost hatred; I count them mine enemies.

23Search me, O God, and know my heart, Try me, and know my thoughts;

24And see if there be any way in me that is grievous, And lead me in the way everlasting.