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Psalm 139

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### Father Knows Us Best

This Psalm of David gives a picture of how thoroughly God knows us. We should seek to know Him as completely as we can, for "when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods" ([Galatians 4:8](#)); "the world through wisdom did not know God" ([1 Corinthians 1:21](#)); "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love" ([1 John 4:8](#)); Jesus Christ will be "taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" ([2 Thessalonians 1:8](#)).

Verses 1-6 show how completely God knows about our individual lives;

Verses 7-12 show how useless it is for anyone to try to flee from God;

Verses 13-16 show when God begins to know us;

Verses 17-18 show how completely we should know God;

Verses 19-22 show how completely we should side with God;

Verses 23-24 show how completely open we should be with ourselves and God.

**Verses 1-6:** There is no one who knows and understands us like God does: not Mother, Father, Children, Husband or Wife, close friend. God interacts with individual lives by examination, constant monitoring, complete understanding of our thinking, hearing all our words, protecting and guiding at times, all exceeding our own understanding of ourselves!

**Verses 7-12:** As Adam and Eve discovered in the Garden of Eden ([Genesis 3:6-8](#)), there is nowhere God cannot find us: Heaven (as if we could!)? He is there; "Hell" (Sheol, the place beyond the body's grave, where departed spirits dwell)? He is there; fly as fast as the light of a new day (as if we could!)? dive as deep as the sea goes? He still could guide and hold us; be surrounded by total darkness? God sees as if it was still light. God is everywhere, but He is NOT everything! God is Creator NOT the Creation! Pantheism is totally wrong in this concept.

**Verses 13-16:** God designs, develops, and delivers each and every human baby ever born! For each and every human baby, while in the womb, God "covered" (intricately weaves together) our organs; "fearfully *and* wonderfully" develops the baby; makes the skeleton support structure; begins His work on "unformed" "substance" (Hebrew term for embryo), prepared the baby to live "the days fashioned for me" (plans for the baby to live its life on earth).



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Abortion is the destroying of the work of God, and wise Solomon said: "I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does *it*, that men should fear before Him" ([Ecclesiastes 3:14](#)). Abortion is taking from the work of God!

**Verses 17-18:** There is much more about God than we can grasp, but we should learn all we can while we can. The Word of God is the gradual unfolding of the revelation of God.

**Verses 19-22:** Instead of demanding God to "side" with us, we should get on God's "side." There should be no evil work a Christian would practice, plan, or proceed to do: terrorism, abortion, self-centeredness, drunkenness/drug abuse, divisiveness, fornication/adultery, lust, or anything else contrary to "sound doctrine." Whatever God condemns, Christians should condemn. Whatever God hates, Christians should hate. Whoever is an enemy of God, should be an enemy to a Christian. No Christian should compromise this commitment to God for any political platform, union slogan, or gang fidelity!

**Verses 23-24:** An open heart asks for God to check it out, and is willing for Him to "lead me in the way everlasting." Why wait? God provides for Christians to "examine themselves" ([2 Corinthians 13:5](#)). "For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world" ([1 Corinthians 11:31-32](#)).

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