



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Psalm 139:1-24 (NAS)

Topic: "God Up Close and Personal"

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- 1 O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar.
- 3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.
- 5 You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it.
- 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
- 10 Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night,"
- 12 Even the darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You.
- 13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.
- 14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;
- 16 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.
- 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.
- 19 O that You would slay the wicked, O God; Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.
- 20 For they speak against You wickedly, And Your enemies take Your name in vain.
- 21 Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
- 22 I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
- 24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me. And lead me in the everlasting way.

I. MY ALL KNOWING GOD

- A. The Psalmist Writes In The First Person, We Need To Read In The First Person
- B. He Knows When We Get Up, Lie Down
- C. He Knows Our Words, Our Thoughts
- D. He Knows Us Better Than We Know Ourselves *Jeremiah 17:9*

II. MY ALWAYS PRESENT GOD

- A. Human Desire To Hide From God
- B. God's Provision For Me To Draw Near To Him *Hebrews 9:22*
- C. Where Can I Hide?

III. MY ALL POWERFUL GOD IS IN CONTROL

- A. God Was In Control Of My Life From Start To Finish
- B. I Consider How Wonderfully God Made Me

RESPONSE IS A CALL TO HOLINESS

1. Holiness Calls For A Hatred Of The Wicked
2. I Am Called To A Personal Desire To Live Separate From The Wicked
3. I Am Calling God To Search My Heart To Root Out Wickedness
4. I Am Calling God To Lead Me In The Paths Of Righteousness