



PSALMS

Psalm 139

“Known”

“Any small thoughts that we may have of God are magnificently transcended by this psalm; yet for all its height and depth it remains intensely personal from first to last.”

-Derek Kidner

What do you want God to know about you?

10 **Q.** **Where is God?**
A. God is everywhere.

11 **Q.** **Can you see God?**
A. No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

12 **Q.** **Does God know all things?**
A. Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.

13 **Q.** **Can God do all things?**
A. Yes. God can do all his holy will.

14 **Q.** **Where do you learn how to love and obey God?**
A. In the Bible alone.

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2. Inescapably Loved– 19-24

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“From conception to the last breath, God is in charge. His power overshadows absolutely every second of your life. This is the reason why everybody over the centuries who has taken this doctrine of God seriously have said both abortion and active euthanasia are wrong. Why? Because you are putting yourself in the place of God. God is in charge of those parts of life. Life in the very very beginning in the womb and life at the very very end, that life is fragile, and it is inconvenient. And we might say, let’s do something about it. But that is a violation of the glory and rights of God.”

-Tim Keller

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Enemies Way – 18-22

against evil “out there”

Everlasting Way – 23-24

against evil “in here”

“In declaring his hatred of those who despised God, he virtually asserts thereby his own integrity, not as being free from all sin, but as being devoted to godliness, so that he detested in his heart everything which was contrary to it. Our attachment to godliness must be inwardly defective, if it does not generate an abhorrence of sin, such as David here speaks of.”

-John Calvin

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