

Psalm 139

My Person - God knows me where I am

¹ Dear LORD Jesus, the Messiah¹ and my God,

You have searched every aspect of **my being** and know everything about **my person** that could ever be known. ² You also know everything about **my conduct**, even down to details as small as when I sit down or stand up. Even though You dwell far away in the heavens, You are always close enough to know and fully understand all of **my thoughts** whether they be those of the past, the present, or the future. ³ You carefully analyze each of **my actions and motives** while I am awake and know **my thoughts and dreams** when I am asleep. In short, You are intimately familiar with every aspect of **my behavior**. ⁴ You know everything about **my speech**, and You hear every word I say. In fact, You know what I am going to say before I even form the words in my mouth.

⁵ Your understanding of me is so all-inclusive that I am totally enclosed within the limitless sphere of Your knowledge. I have been there since before I was born, and I will be there until the end of time. In addition, You have placed me securely in the palm of Your caring, protecting hand. ⁶ I am totally amazed at the extent of Your knowledge and understanding about me, and it is so wonderful and lofty that I will never be able to comprehend all You know about me.

My Place - God knows me wherever I am

⁷ There is absolutely no place I can go that would successfully hide me from Your Spirit or Your presence. ⁸ If I could find a way to ascend up into the heavens, You would be there. If I could find a way to descend into hell, You would see me there too. ⁹ If I would book passage on an airline bound for the most remote place on earth, ¹⁰ even there Your hand would take hold of me as a valued possession, and Your good hand would lead me through situations and circumstances that You have determined to be the best for me. ¹¹ If I thought that by hiding **in the darkness** You would not see me, I would be sadly mistaken. ¹² It makes no difference to You whether You look at me during the darkest night or at the brightest noon. To You the blackness of night is as visible as the brightness of daylight. ¹³ This truth is evidenced by the way You carefully formed my body and caused all of my organs and body parts to take shape when You created me as a complete person **in the darkness** of my mother's womb. ¹⁴ Since You made me in such an intricate and wonderful fashion, I will praise Your name and give thanks to You. I will praise You because I am convinced that all of Your works are magnificent, unsurpassed, and unfathomable. ¹⁵ Nothing hindered You from seeing my form when You skillfully shaped me out of the dust of the earth, and You did it **in the darkness** of my mother's womb during the time she was carrying me. ¹⁶ In fact, before time began You knew exactly what kind of person I would be and how I would look. Back then, You even had it all meticulously recorded in Your book.

My Position - God thinks well of me

¹⁷ LORD, You have so many wonderful thoughts about me, and I treasure every one of them. There are so many of them that ¹⁸ if I should try to count them, I would find that there are more of them than all of the grains of sand on all of the beaches of the world. I fall asleep pondering Your greatness, and each time I awaken I know that You are right there with me, caring for me as You always do. ¹⁹ LORD, I wish You would destroy every wicked person because they are men of bloodshed. I certainly refuse to run with them in their practice of evil, and I do not want them anywhere around me. ²⁰ It is only right that I should feel this way because they speak evil against You and use Your name in a flippant or degrading way. ²¹ LORD, I hate every man who hates You, and I despise those who are foolish enough to rise up in opposition against You. ²² I could not hate them more because when they became Your enemies they became my enemies as well. ²³ LORD, search every part of me. Examine every nook and cranny of my inner being, see what worries and fears haunt me, and ²⁴ put me to the test to determine whether there are any hurtful ways in me. Since I am ready to repent of them, bring them to my attention so that I can correct them. Afterward, take me by the hand and lead me down the narrow road that leads to everlasting life.

¹ For the sake of application, since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," the name "Jesus Christ, the Messiah" has been used.