

# Living by His word



When I was reading Psalm 139, I noticed various translations labeled this Psalm "God's Perfect Knowledge of Man". As I went through the entirety of the psalm, I would like to give it a different label: "God's complete commitment to man" Read it from that viewpoint and I know you'll be blessed.

**Vs 1** O LORD, You have searched me and known

me. ◀◀ **Searched:** It describes a very deep relationship. Two people not holding anything back. **To Penetrate:** Examine fully, to search by permission. Gal.4:9; 1 Cor.8:3

**Vs 2** You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thoughts afar off. ◀◀ **Sitting Down:** Weaknesses that stop me. **Rising Up:** My strengths that move me. **Understand:** Why I choose my direction. **Thoughts Afar Off:** The choices I will make before I do.

**Vs 3** You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. ◀◀ **Comprehend:** You scrutinize the direction I would take. **My lying down:** The path I would not take. **Acquainted:** How I will act in a certain way for usefulness or loss.

**Vs 4** For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. ◀◀ **Not a word on my tongue:** You know what I will say before I do. **Altogether:** Every aspect.

**Vs 5** You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. ◀◀ **Hedged me behind and before:** Constructing a protective barrier. **Laid Your hand upon me:** Called me to service.

**Vs 6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

It is high, I cannot attain it. ◀◀ **I cannot attain it:** Impossible to know without Him.

### No Matter Where I Go

**Vs 7** Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ◀◀ **Spirit - Presence:** He is everywhere in your life.

**Vs 8** If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. ◀◀

**Ascend into heaven:** In fellowship. **Make my bed in hell:** out of fellowship. **You are there:** No matter where I go, even to the extreme corners of the earth

**Vs 9** If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ◀◀ **The wings:** if I take flight to the uttermost parts of the earth

**Vs 10** Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. ◀◀ **Your hand; lead; Right hand:** Your always there to secure and guide me in what You called me to

### Times of Distress

**Vs 11** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me, even the night shall be light about me;

**Vs 12** Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. ◀◀

**Times of Distress:** Depression, bewilderment. When I can't see where I'm going it doesn't stop You from giving me direction or insight.

### The Value of Man, An Eternal Being

**Vs 13** For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

**Vs 14** I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

**Vs 15** My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

**Vs 16** Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. ◀◀ **Fashioned:**

Formed me as your servant. The value of mankind, he is an eternal being!

### How Mindful He Is

**Vs 17** How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ◀◀

**Thoughts to me:** Very personable; He is so mindful of us..like a dream!

**Vs 18** If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. ◀◀ **If I should count them:** Eternal existent **When I awake:** But in reality it's true.

### Looking Into the Heart of Their Choices

**Vs 19** Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.

**Vs 20** For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.

**Vs 21** Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

**Vs 22** I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. ◀◀ **1 Pet.4:4** He hates the sin, the choices they make that consumes them, which causes them to oppose God until the day they die. This is the position he took with them, because of God in his life.

### David's Key to Success

**Vs 23** Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties, ◀◀ **Search:** to penetrate, to examine intimately. **Know:** to perceive, understand, acquire knowledge.

**Try:** to examine for purification, results in sanctification. **Anxieties:** A disquieting thought, be troubling

**Vs 24** And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. ◀◀

**Lead:** Guide, shows you how and where to walk. **Everlasting:** To live a way without end.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Jann

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# BASIC INFO

## SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning  
10:30 AM

Wednesday Evening  
7:00 PM

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**Psalms 139:23**

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# IMAGE

Begins  
January  
13<sup>th</sup>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NORMAL OFFICE HOURS RESUME** | Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Mothers Of Pre Schoolers (MOPS)** | Thursday's January 3<sup>rd</sup> &  
17<sup>th</sup> 10 AM - 12 PM

**Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM in GRC

**Women's Bible Study** | Tuesday mornings, resuming January  
8<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM in GRC

**NEW WORD CONNECTION SERIES** | IMAGE - Week one  
starts Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

**Corporate Prayer** | Tuesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 PM in Sanctuary

**Water Baptism** | Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - Sign up in the Foyer



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