

Psalms 139

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Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart

- 1** O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.
- 2** Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
- 3** Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 4** For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
- 5** Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
- 6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
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- 7** Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8** If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- 9** If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10** Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 11** If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
- 12** Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 139:1 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:3; 44:21; 139:23; 1 Kings 8:39; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 2:18; 2:23. **References Lord:** 1 Chronicles 28:9; Jeremiah 12:3; John 21:17

Psalms 139:2 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 56:8; 94:11; Genesis 16:13; 2 Kings 6:12; 19:27; Proverbs 15:3; Isaiah 37:28; Zechariah 4:10; Matthew 9:4; Luke 9:47

Psalms 139:3 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 139:18; 2 Samuel 11:27; Job 31:4; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Isaiah 29:15; Jeremiah 23:24

Psalms 139:4

Word: Psalms 19:14; Job 8:2; Jeremiah 29:23. **Parallel theme:** Job 42:3; James 1:26

Psalms 139:5

Parallel theme: Psalms 34:7; Exodus 24:11; Deuteronomy 33:27; Job 9:33; Revelation 1:17

Psalms 139:6

Parallel theme: Psalms 40:5; Job 26:14; 42:3; Romans 11:33

Psalms 139:7

Parallel theme: Jonah 1:3; 1:10

Psalms 139:8

Parallel theme: Job 26:6; Proverbs 15:11; Obadiah 1:4; Jonah 2:2

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Parallel theme: Psalms 19:6

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Parallel theme: Psalms 23:3; 63:8; 73:23; Isaiah 41:13

Psalms 139:11

Light: Job 12:22. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 94:7; Jeremiah 23:24

Psalms 139:12

Light: Daniel 2:22. **Darkness:** Exodus 20:21; Job 34:22. **Parallel theme:** Hebrews 4:13

Psalms 139:13

Parallel theme: Psalms 71:6; 119:73; Job 31:15; Isaiah 44:2; 46:3; Jeremiah 1:5

Psalms 139:14

Parallel theme: Psalms 40:5; 111:2; Job 5:9; Revelation 15:3. **Creation:** Psalms 104:24

Psalms 139:15

Parallel theme: Psalms 63:9; 139:13; Ecclesiastes 11:5

Psalms 139:16

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Psalms 139:19

Blood: Psalms 5:6; 55:23. **Evil:** Psalms 9:17; 94:23; 119:115; Isaiah 11:4; Matthew 25:41. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 6:8; 2 Corinthians 6:17. **References God:** Psalms 64:7

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Parallel theme: Psalms 74:18; Exodus 20:7; Isaiah 37:23; Jude 1:15; Revelation 13:6

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Jeremiah 11:20; 1 Peter 1:7. **References God:** Deuteronomy 8:2; Job 31:6; Zechariah 13:9

Psalms 139:24 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 5:8; 16:11; 17:3; 119:32; 143:8; 143:10; Proverbs

28:26; Matthew 7:14; John 14:6; Colossians 2:6

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