

Jefferson Baptist Church
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The Lord Who Knows
Psalm 139

A. The Lord is _____. (Omniscient) v 1-6

1. Such knowledge brings _____. Psalm 13:5; Psalm 23; Psalm 33
2. Such knowledge is _____.
 1. With my life v 1-3
 2. With my speech v4
 3. With my security v5
 4. It is _____. v 6

B. This is a Psalm of David

1. Merism: _____ parts to give a picture of the whole.
2. Parallelism: _____ of word pictures to achieve a concept.
3. _____; Named for the Greek letter chi X
4. What's the point?
 - i. The Word of God is intended to be _____. Psalm 119:11
 - ii. The Word of God is intended to be used in _____.
 - iii. The word of God is intended to be _____ back to God.
 - iv. The Word of God is intended to help the worshipper to _____.

C. The Lord is Creator. _____ v 13-18

1. God as Creator forms the basis of my _____. v 1; Ephesians 2:8,9; v13,15,16
2. God as Creator forms the basis of our _____ in His _____. v 14b-16a
3. God as Creator provides the motivation to _____. Matthew 7:21-23; Matthew 5:11,12; John 10:14; James 4:8; John 17:3; Jeremiah 9: 23, 24

Psalm 139 Chiastic Structure
To the Choirmaster, A Psalm of David

- A. **Searched and Known** O Lord, You have searched and known me! (v1)
- B. **David's thoughts and ways.** (v2,3) You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- C. **David's words** (v4) Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord You know it altogether.
- D. **God acts toward David.** (v5): You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.
- E. **God's knowledge is too high.** (v6) Such knowledge is too wonderful for me. It is high; I cannot attain it.
- F. **God can see and know him anywhere** (v 7-12)
Where shall I go from Your Spirit, or where shall I flee from Your presence?
- If I ascend to heaven, You are there!
 - If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!
 - If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.
 - If I say: " Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.
- F. **God knows him from Creation** (v13-16)
- a. For You formed my inward parts;
 - b. You knitted me together in my mother's womb.
 - c. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
 - c. Marvelous are Your works, my soul knows it very well.
 - b. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the womb.
 - a. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book was written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.
- E. **God's thoughts are too many to count.** (v 17,18) How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I could count them, they are more than the sand. I awake. and I am still with you.
- D. **May God act toward the wicked, so that they are far.** (v19) Oh that You would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from Me!
- C. **The words of the wicked** (v 20) They speak against You with malicious intent; Your enemies take Your name in vain!
- B. **David's thoughts and ways.** (v 21, 22) Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.
- A. **Search and Know** (vs 23, 24) Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way!