

Monday, 10 June 2019 Psalm 139:1-6

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. O LORD, You have searched me and known me! 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. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Here I am Lord, wholly enveloped in Your love and Your presence. There is nothing hidden from You; it used to be frightening; now, it is comforting to know that I am secure in the palm of Your hand. But still, beyond my understanding and comprehension, I must accept as one of those ineffable mysteries and praise You for You love me so.

Tuesday, 11 June 2019 Psalm 139:7-12

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 bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.

Lord, I spent my days fleeing from Your presence, hiding from You, denying Your name, determined to be my god. But You pursued me, sent the Hound of Heaven after me, brought me into Your Kingdom, transformed me from a life of darkness into a life bright with Your glorious light. Praise You, my Lord, and my Master.

Wednesday, 12 June 2019 Psalm 139:13-16

For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet

there was none of them.

Lord, sometimes it is difficult to remember that I am the work of Your hands. Especially at those times when I face an upcoming physical test. But, Lord, I must not forget that Your workmanship is perfect, but my sin has sullied it. Walk with me each time I face another session with a doctor. Do not let me forget that I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Thursday, 13 June 2019 Psalm 139:17-18

How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with You.

Yes, my Lord, Your thoughts sustain me, and that comforts me today as I go to take this medical test. No, no, You never let go of me!

Friday, 14 June 2019 Psalm 139:19-22

Oh that You would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! They speak against You with malicious intent; Your enemies take Your name in vain! 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.

Lord, I am in Your hands, I know that You will protect me from the attempts of the Evil One to discourage me, fill me with fear, trust in my knowledge and strength, tempt me with the lures of this world; any way to take my eyes off You and to stray from the Way of Righteousness. Train my conscience to be an alert sentinel against the wiles of those who loathe You.

Saturday, 15 June 2019 Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Lord, it is a continuation of the refining process, of working out my salvation, of becoming Your Ambassador of Reconciliation, posted to the Kingdom of Man. To lead me in the way everlasting is to lead me along that narrow path that wends through the Kingdom of God tasting and

sampling the pleasures of Your presence every step of the way. A foretaste of the joy to come as You bring your Kingdom into full awareness.

Lord's Day, 16 June 2019 Psalm 119:31

I cling to your testimonies, O LORD; let me not be put to shame!
When I cling, there is no problem, but when I ignore or
temporize, then issues abound, and shame is my rightful
due.

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Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



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Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Romans 10:1

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
Lord my prayer for the *(Insert the name of the fellowship where you worship)*
is that we would be steadfast in our desire to lead others into the presence,
promise and power of Your Kingdom. Cause us to be unswerving in our
proclamation of the life of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit that
is only possible through commitment to You as Lord and Master.

I pray this in the power of Your Name, the Lord Jesus Christ.

To fear or not to fear, that is the question.

The fear of the Lord, an expression that occurs many times in Scripture, 142 in the ESV in various forms, is not well understood in the Church today. For many, the phrase represents a weak and flabby description of an overly saccharine spiritual being of some sort. It certainly does not include the concept of the LORD, God the Almighty who spoke all things into being and who controls all things.

Join with me in examining the fear of the LORD and seeking an understanding of life in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now as guided by that fear.

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