

**Psalms Handout  
Week Twenty-Nine**

Tozer. "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

Jn. 17: 3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Jer. 9:24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

CS Lewis. "How God thinks of us is not only more important, but infinitely more important."

"To please God . . . to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son—it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is."

Forrest Gump. Maybe both

What's up with the back-and-forth pronouns?

Omniscience

Isa. 55:8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

V. 1 God has \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge

V. 2 God has \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge

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God has \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge

"afar" encompasses

Omni-engaged

V. 3 He is scrutinizing/winnowing our path  
intimately acquainted with

Ps. 131:1 O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty; nor do I involve myself in great matters, or in things too difficult for me. Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; like a weaned child rests against his mother, My soul is like a weaned child within me.

More omniscience

V. My mouth...

Ps. 141: Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Ps. 19:14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

More omni-engaged

V. 5. Enclosed

It's invasive. Too bad.

### Omnipresent

Fully present in all places and at all times, whether we feel it or not

V. 8 He is in the extremes of high and low

V. 9 He is in the extremes of distance in a protective way. Kanaph-wings

V. 10 He leads. He possesses

This gives us \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Amos 9:1 They will not have a fugitive who will flee, or a refugee who will escape. "Though they dig into Sheol, from there will My hand take them; and though they ascend to heaven, from there will I bring them down. Though they hide on the summit of Carmel, I will search them out and take them from there; and though they conceal themselves from My sight on the floor of the sea, from there I will command the serpent and it will bite them. And though they go into captivity before their enemies, from there I will command the sword that it slay them, and I will set My eyes against them for evil and not for good....

6 The One who builds His upper chambers in the heavens and has founded His vaulted dome over the earth, He who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth, *The Lord is His name.*

v. 11 He is in places we can't describe b/c all there is no light.

How is the utter darkness not dark?

Jn. 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Rom. 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Cor. 13:5 Or do you not realize about yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you?"

He died on the cross so that we could be made righteous vessels to hold His very presence always.

### Omnipotence

V. 13 He made it all.

V. 14 Spontaneous praise moment

V. 15-16 It is God's artwork from the beginning. Raqam.

Ex. 26:36 You shall make a screen for the doorway of the tent of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, wrought (raqam) with needlework.

Ex. 39:27 They made the tunics of finely woven linen for Aaron and his sons... the sash was of fine twisted linen and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, the work (raqam) of an embroiderer,

What is the implication the context provides?

What about birth defects?

Ex. 4:10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not an eloquent man, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant, for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." 11 The LORD said to him, "Who gave a mouth to man, or who makes a person mute or deaf or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

Jn. 9:1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Jn. 11:4 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

V. 16b in Your book were all written the days that were ordained (fashioned/formed like a potter) for me, when as yet there was not one of them.

2 Tim. 1:9, Eph. 1:4-5,11, Rom. 8:28-30, Jn. 15:16, Acts 13:48, Rev. 1:8, Tit. 1:2, Jn. 6:37

V. 17 Precious-- and \_\_\_\_\_

V. 17b When I awake, I am still with You.

Mk. 5:35 While He was still speaking, they came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?" But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe..." 41 Taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha kum!"

Isa. 26: In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah... 19 Your dead will live; Their *corpses will rise* (kum). You who lie in the dust, *awake* and shout for joy, For your dew is as the dew of the dawn, And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.

Our life is perceived, precious, predestined and preserved.

Omni-holy

V. 19-22. What is the psalmist's motivation?

How do we apply this section?

Ps. 11:5 The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates.

Spurgeon: To love all men with benevolence is our duty; but to love any wicked man with complacency would be a crime. To hate a man for his own sake, or for any evil done to us, would be wrong; but to hate a man because he is the foe of all goodness and the enemy of all righteousness, is nothing more nor less than an obligation.

What's the plan, using the full counsel of scripture?

-We stand up for the holiness of God and hate wickedness by *being*

1 Pt. 2:11: Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

-We stand up against evil by fighting *for*

Amos 5:14 Hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the gate!

Rom. 12:9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good...12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. *Share* with the Lord's people who are in need. *Practice hospitality*. Bless those who persecute you; **ble**ss and do not curse.

-Stand against evil by knowing and sharing the full orbbed/ complete and true picture of

Ps. 85

O LORD, You showed favor to Your land; You restored the captivity of Jacob.

2 You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. Selah.

3 You withdrew all Your fury; You turned away from Your burning anger.

4 Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your indignation toward us to cease.

5 Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

6 Will You not Yourself revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?

7 Show us Your lovingkindness (grace), O LORD, And grant us Your salvation.

8 I will hear what God the LORD will say; For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; But let them not turn back to folly.

9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land.

10 *Lovingkindness and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

11 *Truth springs from the earth, And righteousness looks down from heaven.*

12 Indeed, the LORD will *give* what is good, And our land will yield its produce.

13 Righteousness will go before Him And will make His footsteps into a way.

-We fight wickedness by falling on

Rom. 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

There is no refuge from God. there is only refuge in Him.

**23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try/test/prove me and know my anxious (divided up) thoughts;**

Prov. 17:3 The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the heart.

1 Ki. 18:21 Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver (limp) between two opinions (be divided up)?"

**24 And see if there be any hurtful (wicked, sorrowful, mentally or physically painful) way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.**

What way is that?

Jn. 14: And you know the way where I am going.” Thomas \*aid to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life

Phil. 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work among you will complete/perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

### Discussion

Name one thought or incident that might have been different recently if you had completely believed and rested in the truths about God laid out in Ps. 139.

What do you still struggle to either fully believe about God or fully apply to your life?

Next week we finish up with hymns of praise and treats and fellowship.  
Please come.

### Psalm 139

O LORD, You have searched (digging for valuable ore) me and known me.

2 You know when I sit down (where I dwell) and when I rise up;

You understand my thought from afar (remote in time or place).

3 You scrutinize (winnow) my path and my lying down,

And are intimately acquainted with (cherish) all my ways.

4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

5 You have enclosed me behind and before, (fortified, camped around)

And laid Your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high/lofty, I cannot attain to it.

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence (face)?

8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

9 If I take the wings (kanaph) of the dawn, (at the speed of light where the sun rises)

If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

10 Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold (seize/possess) of me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness (misery, destruction, sadness), will overwhelm me,

And the light around me will be night,"

12 Even the darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day.

Darkness and light are alike to You.

13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

15 My frame/strength was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret,

And skillfully wrought (embroidered) in the depths of the earth;

16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained (fashioned/formed like a potter) for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand.

When I awake, I am still with You.

19 O that You would slay the wicked, O God; Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.

20 For they speak against You wickedly, And Your enemies take Your name in vain.

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

22 I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try/test me and know my anxious (divided up) thoughts;

24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me,

And lead me in the everlasting way.