

GOD'S THOUGHTS ABOUT ME

Psalm 139

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1. God _____ everything about me
You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. Psalm 139:1-4

Omniscience: All Knowing

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:13

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Psalm 139:6

Temptation is the pull of man's own evil thoughts and wishes. These evil thoughts lead to evil actions and afterwards to the death penalty from God. James 1:14-15 (LB)

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Benefit: He can help me with temptation

2. God is continually _____
You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. Psalm 139:5-12

Omnipresence: Present everywhere

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible ... and in him all things hold together. Col 1:16-17

The Lord is near to those who are discouraged. He saves those who have lost all hope. Psalm 34:18 GN

Benefit: He will help me face any situation

3. God _____ everything about me
For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:13-16

People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

Everything I say seems to condemn me. Job 9:20(GN)

We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Benefit: I can praise Him for his great work in me.

4. God is continually _____
How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you. If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty! They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you? I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies. Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:17-24

Be careful not to practice your acts of righteousness in front of others to be seen by them... Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:1,4

Benefit: God will reward my faithfulness