

## The God who knows

### Introduction

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Psalm 139 is one of the great theological psalms, psalms which speak to us about who God is and what He is like. In particular Psalm 139 speaks of two key attributes of the LORD. First, the psalm teaches that the LORD is omniscient (He knows everything); second, that the LORD is omnipresent (He is everywhere). Once again it is important to note that these great facts about God are not presented to us in an abstract way. The truth that God knows everything and that God is everywhere means that the Psalmist's own daily life with all its joys and struggles is known to God and is lived in the presence of God. Thus the Psalmist can find comfort in God's truth and ask God to help him grow in his daily walk with God. As the final verse of the Psalm reminds us, the God who knows His people and is present with His people, leads them personally in the way everlasting.

Read Psalm 139 vs 1-24



### Investigate:

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Answer the following questions from the text:

1. What two key words occur in verse 1 & verse 24 of the Psalm? What do these words teach us about God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Verses 1-6 speak about the LORD's knowledge of the Psalmist. What does the LORD 'know' according to these verses?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How does this knowledge make the Psalmist feel?

4. Verses 7-19 speak about the LORD's presence with the Psalmist. How does he describe the fact that the LORD is everywhere?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What confidence does the Psalmist draw from the truth that God is everywhere? (see vs10,18). What reaction does this truth bring out from the Psalmist? (vs14)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How does the Psalmist react to the fact that there are many within the world who are the enemies of God and His people? (vs19-22)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. In what way does his knowledge of God temper his reaction? What does he end up praying?

## **? Think it through** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What have you learnt about God from this Psalm?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How does this knowledge make you feel? In what way has this truth about the LORD challenged or encouraged you?