

“I’ve Got My Eye On You”¹

Psalm 139

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

*I wonder what motivated David to write this Psalm.
Had he been, was he in great danger?
Was he alone? Had he been abandoned or betrayed?*

The Creator wants to know everything about you so He can take care of you, 1-6

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

The Creator’s personal name revealed first to Moses (See Exodus 2:23-3:15; 6:2-8) YHWH, “I AM WHO I AM”

An effort has been made. The LORD not only knows everything (omniscient) about you, He has made an effort to know everything about you. He is interested!
THIS IS PERSONAL, VERY PERSONAL!

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

IN AWE

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

The Creator goes everywhere you go so He can watch over you, 7-12

⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol,
you are there!

NOWHERE TO HIDE! (omnipresent)

Does that make you a bit uncomfortable?
He’s not out to get you! He’s out to love you.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,”
¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

Your Creator has been involved in every detail of who you are, 13-18

¹³ For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.

PRAISE

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

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¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ 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.

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

¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.

DIZZY

How do you respond?

¹⁹ Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!
O men of blood, depart from me!

**Whose side
are you on?**

²⁰ They speak against you with malicious intent;
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 complete hatred;
I count them my enemies.

LOYAL

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

These are anxious thoughts
(cf. Psalm 94:19) the kind of thinking
rooted in our fears.

VULNERABLE

I'M NOT HIDING ANYMORE!

"Only the one whose heart is open to God's searching eye, who has misgivings (anxious thoughts) about his own discernment, and who is all too aware of the possibility of something offensive in himself, will be able to follow the Lord in the way everlasting."
(Kidner, Psalm 73-150: An Introduction and Commentary, Vol. 16, pp. 500-504)

This Psalm is about you, and no one else. It's directed to you and not the crowd. It is an invitation to come out from hiding and open yourself to the most loving relationship any human being can know; relationship with your Creator, the One who knows you best; relationship with your Savior, the One who has given his one and only Son so that you may be forgiven and enjoy eternal life with Him. Won't you come out of hiding today.