

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 139

Psalm 139:19-24 A Psalm of Loyal Response to God

4 stanzas of 6 verses each

- 139:1-6 God's **Omniscience** (A Psalm of God's Knowledge)
- 139:7-12 God's **Omnipresence** (A Psalm of God's Presence)
- 139:13-18 God's **Omnipotence** (A Psalm of God's Power)
- 139:19-24 David's **Loyalty** (A Psalm of God's Purifying Examination)

Some have said there is a **FOURTH ATTRIBUTE here - HOLINESS**

- I. David's difficulty. 139:19-22
 - A. David's thoughts return to his predicament. **"Slay the wicked."** (139:19)
 - B. There is a difference between **David** and those who **oppose God**
 - 1. They are **bloodthirsty**.
 - 2. They speak **evil of the Lord** (139:20)
 - 3. They take His **Name in vain** (139:20)
 - 4. They **rise up against God** (139:21)
 - C. David **has nothing but hatred** for them

- II. David's Defense. 139:23-24
 - A. An invitation for God to EXAMINE him.
 - 1. Same word used in 139:1
 - 2. Indicates nothing hidden from God (139:15)
 - 3. David is ready for God's scrutiny

 - 4. The outcome is not in doubt - David's heart is right.
 - a. Ps 57:7
 - b. Ps 108:1
 - c. Psalm 112:1-8

 - B. The blessing of a pure heart
 - 1. We should be on our guard for self deception.
 - a. Jer. 17:5-10
 - b. Prov 28:16
 - c. Prov 16:25 "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man. . ."

 - 2. When we live an examined life, we are free from the judgment of others.
 - a. 1 Cor 2:10, 15