

*Finding Yourself in the Psalms*  
Psalm 139:7-12  
*A Psalm of God's Presence*

Psalm 139

Four sets of 6 verses

God's Omniscience (1-6)

God's Omnipresence (7-12)

God's Omnipotence (13-18)

David's Worship (19-24)

I. God's Omnipresence

A. Not pantheism (God IS everything)

B. Not panentheism (God is IN everything)

C. There are no limits to God's presence

1. 139:7. Ascend into heaven. **We've done that!**

2. Make my bed in hell (sheol - the grave)

3. 139:9 "rise on the wings of the dawn" (the rising of the sun); Settle on the far side of the sea (the setting of the sun)

a. A reference to travel as far as the eye can see

b. "If I had the ability to move from one end of heaven to the other"

D. Even there your hand will guide me.

E. Right hand will hold me fast. "Right hand" = strength

F. 139:11 "Surely the darkness will hide me" HIDE = "crush, bruise." David is saying that even when overwhelmed and it seems that God is not there, HE IS.

G. 139:12. Our eyes can adjust to LOW LIGHT, but not to NO LIGHT. But God does not need light. He sees everything.

II. We Are never hidden from God.

A. JONAH - Jonah 1:3 "from the presence of the Lord" (KJV)

B. NATHANIEL - John 1:48-50 "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree"

C. 2 Chron 16:9. King Asa - relied on King of Aram (Syria)

D. Jer 23:23-24. False prophets acted as if God was not there

E. Matt 24. Two in the field. Men and women rejecting God, acting as if He is not there.

F. Hebrews 4:13 (NIV) 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.

III. Your Response. *Does the knowledge of God's Omniscience bring you **comfort** or **distress**?*