

# Readings

## Scripture

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have searched me and known me! <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! <sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, <sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," <sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

<sup>13</sup>For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

<sup>19</sup>Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! <sup>20</sup>They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain. <sup>21</sup>Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? <sup>22</sup>I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.

<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! <sup>24</sup>And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

- Psalm 139 (English Standard Version)

# Sermon Outline

**Experiencing God's Grace in His Omniscience**  
Psalm 139

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*It is God's good pleasure to enable us to experience being perfectly known and perfectly loved and for that to free us to live as we were created to live.*

**How? The Psalms give us four ways. It is the Father's pleasure for us...**

**To experience being known by him** (Psalm 139:1-6)

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**To experience his unfailing presence** (Psalm 139:7-12)

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**To experience the wonder of being made by him** (Psalm 139:13-18)

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**To experience the longing for his perfect justice** (Psalm 139:19-22)

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**CODA: To experience a deep hunger to be known still more and walk in his way** (Psalm 139:23-24)

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