

# Interlude: Trials and Tribulations



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## Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

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

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

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

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

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



## Psalm 139

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from  
your presence?

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

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

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



## Psalm 139

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

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

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

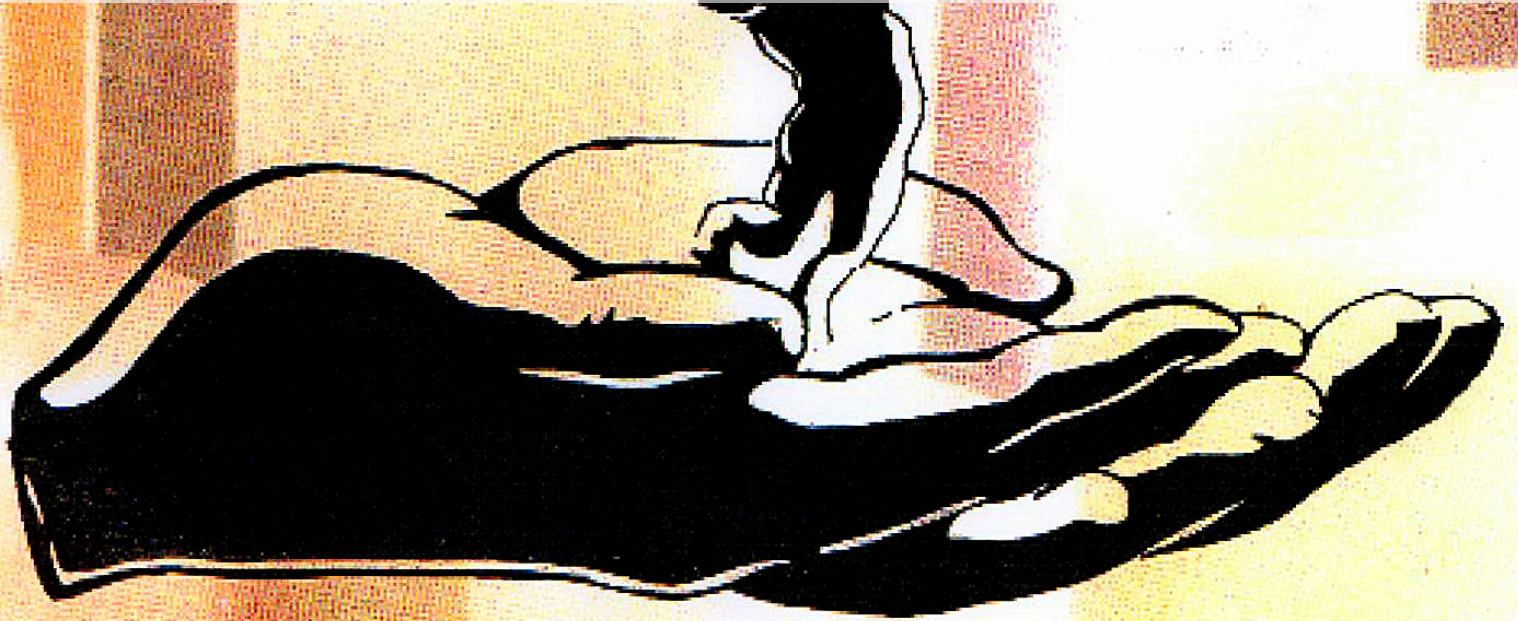
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them, the days  
that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of  
them.



## Psalm 139

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

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



יְהוָה יִקְרָאֵנִי וּתְדַע: <sup>2</sup> אֶתָּה יְדַעַת שְׁבִתִּי וְקוֹמִי בְּנִתָּה  
<sup>3</sup> אֶרְתִּי וְרִבְעִי זָרִיתִי וְכָל־דֶּרֶכִּי הַסְּפִנְתָּה:  
<sup>4</sup> כִּי אֵין מִלָּה בְּלִשׁוֹנִי הֵן יִהְיוּ יְדַעַת כָּלָה:  
<sup>5</sup> אֶחָזֹר וְקִדְמִי צִדְתִּנִּי וּתְשֵׁת עָלַי כִּפְסָה:  
<sup>6</sup> פֶּלְאִי־הִי דַעַתִּי מִמֶּנִּי נִשְׁגָּבָה לֹא־אֹכֵל לָהּ:  
<sup>7</sup> אֲנִה אֶלֶף מְרוֹחֶף וְאֵנָה מִפְּנֵיךְ אֶבְרָח:  
<sup>8</sup> אִם־אֶפְקֹ שָׁמַיִם שָׁם אֶתָּה וְאַצִּיָּעָה שְׂאוֹל הַגֶּן:  
<sup>9</sup> אֶשָּׂא כִנְפֵי־עֶחָרִי אֲשַׁכְנֶה בְּאַחֲרִית יָם:  
<sup>10</sup> נִם־שָׁם יִדְרֶךְ מִנְתִּנִּי וְחֹלְתִנִּי יִמְיֶנֶךְ:  
<sup>11</sup> וְאִמְרֵ־אֶף־חֶשֶׁף יִשְׁפְּנִי וְלִילָה אֲזֹר בַּעֲדִנִּי: | כְּאוֹרָה:  
<sup>12</sup> נִם־חֶשֶׁף לֹא־יִחַשְׁפֶּה לְמִנֶּךָ וְלִילָה בְּנוֹם יֵאִיר אֶפְתִּיחָה  
<sup>13</sup> כִּי־אֶתָּה קִנִּיתָ כְּלִיתִי חֶסֶד־נִי בְּכֶטֶן אִמִּי: | יְדַעַת מִאֲדָּ:  
<sup>14</sup> אֲזִדְּךָ עַל כִּי נִזְרָאוֹת נִפְלִיתִי "נִפְלְאִים מַעֲשֵׂיךָ" וְנִפְשִׁי  
<sup>15</sup> לֹא־נִכְתָּד עֲצָמִי לְמִנֶּךָ אֲשֶׁר־עֲשִׂיתִי בִסְתֵר רִקְמֹתִי  
 | בְּסִתְּתִיחַ אֶרֶץ:  
<sup>16</sup> יִלְמִי וְיֵאֵי עֵינֶיךָ וְעַל־סִפְרֶךָ כָּל־סִימָנֶיךָ:  
 יָמִים יִזְכְּרוּ וְלֹא־אֶחָד בָּהֶם:  
<sup>17</sup> וְלִי מִה־יִּקְרֹו רַעֲיָה אֵל מִה־עֲצָמוֹי רֹאשֵׁיהֶם:  
<sup>18</sup> אֶסְפָּרָם מִחוּל יִרְבּוֹן הַקִּיצֹתִי וְעוֹדִי עִמָּךְ:  
<sup>19</sup> אִם־תִּקְטֹל אֱלֹהִי רָשָׁע וְאַנְשֵׁי דָמִים סִירוּ מִנִּי:  
<sup>20</sup> אֲשֶׁר יֹאמְרוּךָ לְמִזְמוֹה נִשָּׂא לִשְׂוֹא עָרִיךָ:  
<sup>21</sup> הֲלֹא־מִשְׁנֵאִיךָ יְהוָה אֲשָׁנָא וּבִתְקוֹמִיךָ אֶתְקוֹטֵט:  
<sup>22</sup> תִּכְלִית שְׂנֵאָה שְׂנֵאָתִים לְאוֹיְבִים תִּהְיֶה לִּי:  
<sup>23</sup> תִּקְרָנִי אֵל וְדַע לִבִּי פִדְתִּנִּי וְדַע שְׂרַעֲפִי:  
<sup>24</sup> וְרָאָה אִם־דֶּרֶךְ־עֲצָבִי כִי וְנִחֲנִי בְּדֶרֶךְ עוֹלָם:

## A Few Words About the Hebrew



139 לְמִנְצַח לְדָוִד מִזְמוֹר  
[לְרַעִי מִרְחֹק:]

יְהוָה יִקְרָאֵנִי וְתָדַע: 2 אֲתָה יְדַעַת שְׁבִתִּי וְקוֹמִי בְּנֶחֱמָה

3 אֲרִתִּי וְרִבְעִי זָרִיתִּי וְכָל־דֹּדְכִי הִסְפִּיתָהּ:

4 כִּי אֵין מִלָּה בְּלִשׁוֹנִי הֵן יְהוָה יִדְעֶנָּה כֻּלָּהּ:

5 אֲחֹזֵר וְקִדְמִי צִדְתִּי וְתַשֵּׁת עָלַי כִּפְכָּהּ:

6 כִּלְאִידִי דַעַתִּי מִמֶּנִּי נִשְׁכָּה לֹא־אֻכַּל לָהּ:

7 אֲנִה אֵלֶיךָ מְרִיחָה וְאַנְהָ מִפְּנֵיךָ אֲבָרַח:

8 אִם־אֶפְקֹ שָׁמַיִם שָׁם אֲתָה וְאֲצִינָה שְׂאוֹל הַגֵּהךָ:

9 אֲשֶׁא כִנְפֵי־עֹהָרִי אֲשַׁכְנֶה בְּאַחֲרִית יָם:

10 נִם־שָׁם יִדְרֶךְ מִנְתִּנִּי וְחֹאֲמֹנִי יִמְיִנֶה:

11 וְאִמֹר־אֶךְ־חֶשֶׁךְ יִשְׁכַּנִּי וְלִילָה אֹרֶךְ בַּעֲדֵנִי: | כְּאוֹרֶה־

12 נִם־חֶשֶׁךְ לֹא־יִחְשְׁךָ לְמָוֶה וְלִילָה בְּנוֹם יָאִיר אֶפְתְּשִׁיכָהּ

13 כִּי־אֲתָה קִנִּיתָ כְּלִיתִי חֶסֶד־כִּי בְּכַטָּן אִמִּי: | יְדַעַת מֶאֱדָר:

14 אֲזִדְּךָ עַל כִּי נֹרְאוֹת נִפְלְוֹתִי "נִפְלְאוֹת מַעֲשֵׂיךָ" וְנִפְשִׁי

15 לֹא־נִכְתָּד עֲצָמוֹ לְמָוֶה אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂיתִי בַסֵּתֶר רִקְמֹתִי

| בַּתְּחִתִּיּוֹת אֶרֶץ:

16 יְקַלְמִי וְיֵאֵי עֵינֶיךָ וְעַל־סִפְרְךָ כָּל־סֵם יִכְתְּבוּ

יָמִים יִצְּרוּ וְלֹא־אֲחֶד בָּהֶם:

17 וְלִי מִה־יִקְרֹו רַעֲיָה אֵל מִה־עֲצָמוֹי רְאשֵׁיהֶם:

18 אֲסַפְרָם מִחוּל יִרְבֹּן הַקִּיצֹתִי וְעוֹדִי עָמֹד:

19 אִם־תִּקְטֹל אֱלֹהִים רָשָׁע וְאֲנִשִּׁי דָמִים סִירוּ מִנִּי:

20 אֲשֶׁר יֵאמְרוּךָ לְכֹזֶמֶת נִשְׁאִי לִשְׂוֹא עָרִידֶה:

21 הֲלֹא־מִשְׁנֵאִיךָ יְהוָה־אֲשֶׁנָּא וּבְחִקּוֹמִיךָ אֲתִקּוֹטֵט:

22 תִּכְלִית שְׂנֵאָה שְׂנֵאָתִים לְאוֹיְבִים תִּהְיֶה לִּי:

23 תִּקְרָנִי אֵל וְדַע לִבִּי כְּדֹנִי וְדַע שְׂרַעֲפִי:

24 וְרָאָה אִם־דִּרְךָ־עֲצָב־כִּי וְנִחֲנִי בְּדֶרֶךְ עוֹלָם:

A structured song  
(*mizmor*)

A Few Words  
About the  
Hebrew

139  
1 לְמִנְצַח לְדָוִד מִזְמוֹר  
[לְרַעֲיָי מִרְחֹק:]

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6 פֶּלְאִי־הָיָה יָדַעְתִּי מִמֶּנִּי נִשְׁבָּחָה לֹא־אֻכַּל לֶחֶם:  
7 אֲנִי אֵלֶּךְ מִרְיֹחַךְ וְאִנָּה מִסִּפְּנוֹתֶךָ אֲבָרַח:  
8 אִם־אֶפְקֹ שָׁמַיִם שָׁם אֶתָּה וְאֶצְיָעָה שְׂאוֹל הַגֶּזֶק:  
9 אֲשֶׁא כִנְפֵי־עֹפֹתַי אֲשַׁכְנֶה בְּאַחֲרֵית יָם:  
10 נִם־שָׁם יִדְרֶךְ מִנְתִּנִּי וְחֹאֲתֹנִי יִמְיִנֶה:  
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16 יְקִלְמִי וְיֵאֵי עֵינֶיךָ וְעַל־סִפְּרֶךָ כָּל־סֵם יִכְתְּבוּ  
יָמִים יִצְּרוּ וְלֹא אֶחָד בָּהֶם:  
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21 הֲלֹא־מִשְׁנֵאִיךָ יְהוָה אֲשֶׁנָּא וּבְתַקּוֹמִיךָ אֶתְקוֹטֵט:  
22 תִּכְלִית שְׂנֵאָה שְׂנֵאתִים לְאוֹיְבִים תִּהְיֶה לִּי:  
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Lots of purposeful  
ambiguity



139 <sup>קל</sup> 1 לְמוֹנָח לְדוֹד מִזְמוֹר  
[לְרַעִי מִרְחוֹק:]

יְהוָה יִקְרָאֵנִי וּתְדַע: 2 אֶתָּה יְדַעְתָּ שְׁכֵנִי וְקוֹמִי בְּנֶחֱמָה  
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5 אֶחָזֹר וְקִדְמִי צִדְתִּנִּי וּתְשֻׁת עָלַי כַּפְּכָה:  
6 פֶּלְאִידָה דַּעְתִּי מִמּוֹנִי נִשְׁנָכָה לֹא־אוּכַל לָהּ:

7 אָנָּה אֵלֶיךָ מְרוֹתָךְ וְאַנָּה מִפְּנוֹךְ אֲבָרַח:  
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9 אֶשָּׂא כִנְפֵי־עֹהָרִי אֲשַׁכְנֶה בְּאַחֲרִית יָם:  
10 נִם־שָׁם יִדְרֶךְ מִנְתִּנִּי וְחֹלְתוֹנִי יִמְיֶנָּה:

11 וְאִמֹר־אֶךְ־חֹשֶׁךְ יִשְׁכַּנִּי וְלִילָה אֹרֶךְ בַּעֲדֵנִי: | כְּאוֹרָה:  
12 נִם־חֹשֶׁךְ לֹא־יִחַשְׁךָ לְמוֹךְ וְלִילָה בְּנוֹם יָאִיר אֶפְתְּשִׁיכָה  
13 כִּי־אֶתָּה קִנִּיתָ כְּלִיתִי חֶסֶד־נִי בְּכֶטֶן אִמִּי: | יְדַעַת מֶאֶד:  
14 אוֹדֶךָ עַל כִּי נִזְרָאוֹת נִפְלִיתִי "נִפְלְאִים מַעֲשֶׂיךָ" וְנִפְשִׁי  
15 לֹא־נִכְתַּד עֲצָמוֹ לְמוֹךְ אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂיתִי בַסֵּתֶר רִקְמֹתִי  
| בַּתְּחִיּוֹת אֶרֶץ:

16 יְקַלְמִי וְיֵאֵי עֵינֶיךָ וְעַל־סִפְרְךָ כָּל־סֵם יִכְתְּבוּ  
יָמִים יִצְּרוּ וְלֹא־אֶחָד בָּהֶם:

17 וְלִי מִה־יִּקְרֹו רַעִיף אֵל מִה־עֲצָמוֹי רֹאשֵׁיהֶם:  
18 אֶסְפָּרָם מִחוּל יִרְבּוֹן הַקִּיצֹתִי וְעוֹדִי עֶמְקָה:  
19 אִם־תִּקְטֹל אֱלֹהִים רָשָׁע וְאַנְשֵׁי דָמִים סוֹרִוּ מִנִּי:  
20 אֲשֶׁר יֹאמְרוּךְ לְמוֹמָה נָשָׂא לִשְׂוֹא עָרִיף:

21 הֲלֹא־מִשְׁנֹאֶיךָ יְהוָה אֲשָׁנָא וּבַתְקוֹמִיךָ אֶתְקוֹטֵט:  
22 תִּכְלִית שְׂנֵאָה שְׂנֵאָתִים לְאוֹיְבִים תִּהְיֶה לִּי:  
23 תִּקְרָנִי אֵל וְדַע לִבִּי פִּדְיוֹנִי וְדַע שְׂרַעֲפִי:  
24 וְרָאָה אִם־דֶּרֶךְ־עֲצָבִי כִּי אֶנְחִי בְּדֶרֶךְ עוֹלָם:

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## A Few Words About the Hebrew

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1 לְמוֹנָח לְדוֹד מִזְמוֹר  
[לְרַעִי מִרְחוֹק:  
וַיְהִי הַמִּקְרָאִי וַתֵּעַ: 2 אֵתָּה יִדְעָתָּ שְׂבִיתִי וְקוֹמִי בְּנִתָּה  
3 אֶרְצִי וְרִבְעִי זָרִיתִי וְכָל־דֶּרֶכִי הַסִּפְּנוּתָה:  
4 כִּי אֵין מִלָּה בְּלִשׁוֹנִי הֵן יִהְיוּ יִדְעָתָּ כֻּלָּה:  
5 אֶחָדֹר וְקָדָם צִדְתִּי וַתֵּשֶׁת עָלַי כַּפְּכָה:  
6 פֶּלְאִידָה דַעַתִּי מִמֶּנִּי נִשְׁנָכָה לֹא־אוֹכֵל לָהּ:  
7 אֵנָּה אֵלֶיךָ מִרִּיחֶךָ וְאֵנָּה מִפְּנֶיךָ אֶבְרַח:  
8 אִם־אֶפְקֹ שָׁמַיִם שָׁם אֵתָּה וְאַצִּיעָה שְׂאוֹל הַגֶּן:  
9 אֵשָׁא כְּנָפִי־עֲחָרִי אֲשַׁכְנֶה בְּאַחֲרִית יָם:  
10 נִם־שָׁם יִדְרֶךְ מִנְתִּנִּי וְחֲאֲתוֹנִי יִמְיֶנִךָ:  
11 וְאִמֹר־אֶךְ־חֲשֹׁךְ יִשְׁכְּנִי וְלִילָה אֲוֹר־בַּעֲדִנִּי: | כְּאוֹרָה:  
12 נִם־חֲשֹׁךְ לֹא־יִחְשָׁךְ לְמוֹךְ וְלִילָה בְּנוֹם יֵאִיר אֶפְתִּישִׁכָּה  
13 כִּי־אֵתָּה קָנִיתָ כְּלִיתִי חֲסִפִּי בְּכֶטֶן אִמִּי: | יִדְעָתָּ מֵאֹד:  
14 אוֹדֶךָ עַל כִּי נִזְרָאוֹת נִפְלִיתִי "נִפְלְאִים מַעֲשֶׂיךָ" וְנִפְשִׁי  
15 לֹא־נִכְתָּד עֲצָמִי לְמוֹךְ אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂיתִי בַסֵּתֶר רִקְמָתִי  
| בַּתְּחִיּוֹת אֶרֶץ:  
16 יָלַמְתִּי וְיָאִי עֵינֶיךָ וְעַל־סִפְרֶךָ כָּלִם יִכְתְּבוּ  
יָמִים יִצְרוּ וְלֹא־אֶחָד בָּהֶם:  
17 וְלִי מִה־יִּקְרֹו רַעִיךָ אֵל מִה־עֲצָמוֹי רֵאשִׁיהֶם:  
18 אֶסְפָּרָם מִחוּל יִרְבּוֹן הַקִּיצִיתִי וְעוֹדִי עֵמֶךָ:  
19 אִם־תִּקְטֹל אֱלֹהִים רָשָׁע וְאַנְשֵׁי דָמִים סוֹרוּ מִנִּי:  
20 אֲשֶׁר יֵאמְרוּךָ לְמוֹמָה נָשָׂא לִשְׂוֹא עָרִיךָ:  
21 הֲלֹא־מִשְׁנֵאִיךָ יִהְיֶה אֲשָׁנָא וּבְחִקּוֹמִיךָ אֶתְקוֹטֵט:  
22 תִּכְלִית שְׁנֵאָה שְׁנֵאָתִים לְאוֹיְבִים תִּהְיֶה לִּי:  
23 חִקְרִנִּי אֵל וְדַע לִבִּי פִּדְוִנִי וְדַע שְׂרַעֲפִי:  
24 וְרָאָה אִם־דֶּרֶךְ־עֲצָבִי כִּי אֶנְחִי בְּדֶרֶךְ עוֹלָם:



139 לְמִנְצַח לְדֹנֵד מִזְמוֹר  
[לְרַעֲי מִרְחוֹק:]

יְהוָה יִקְרָאֵנִי וְתַדְעַ: 2 אֶתָּה יָדַעְתָּ שְׂבִיטִי וְקוֹמִי בְּנִתְּךָ  
3 אֶרְצִי וְרִבְעִי זָרִיתִי וְכָל־דֶּרֶכִי הַסְּפִנְתָּה:  
4 כִּי אֵין מִלָּה בְּלִשׁוֹנִי הֵן יִהְיוּ יָדַעְתָּ כָּלָה:  
5 אֶחָזֹר וְקִדְמִי צִדְתִּנִּי וְתִשָּׁת עָלַי כַּסְּכָה:  
6 פֶּלְאִי־הִי דַעַתִּי מִמֶּנִּי נִשְׁנָכָה לֹא־אוּכַל לָהּ:

7 אֲנִה אֵלֶיךָ מְרוֹיָחֶךָ וְאַנֶּה מִפְּנֵיךָ אֶבְרַח:  
8 אִם־אֶפְקֹ שָׁמַיִם שֵׁם אֶתָּה וְאַצִּיָּעָה שְׂאוֹל הַגֶּזֶק:  
9 אֶשָּׂא כִפְי־עֲחָרִי אֶשְׁכְּנֶה בְּאַחֲרִית יָם:  
10 גַּם־שָׁם יִדְרֶךְ מִנְתִּנִּי וְחֹאֲמֹנִי יִמְיָנֶךָ:  
11 וְאֹמַר אֶדְ-חֲשֹׁף יְשׁוּפִנִּי וְלִילָה אֲזֹר בַּעֲדִנִּי: | כְּאוֹרָה:  
12 גַּם־חֲשֹׁף לֹא־יִחַשְׁפֶּךָ לְמִנֶּךָ וְלִילָה בְּנוֹם יֵאִיר אֶפְתְּשִׁיכָה

13 כִּי־אֶתָּה קִנִּיתָ כְּלִי־תִי תִסְכְּנִי בְּבִטָּן אִמִּי: | יָדַעְתָּ מִאֲדָּ:  
14 אוֹדֶךָ עַל כִּי נִזְרָאוֹת נִפְלִיתִי "נִפְלָאִים מַעֲשֶׂיךָ" וְנִפְשִׁי  
15 לֹא־נִכְתַּד עֲצָמִי לְמִנֶּךָ אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂיתִי בַסֵּתֶר רִקְמֹתִי  
| בְּתַחֲתִיּוֹת אֲרֶץ:

16 יְלִמְנִי וְיֵאֵי עֵינֶיךָ וְעַל־סִפְרְךָ כָּל־יִפְתָּבוּ  
יָמִים יִצְרוּ וְלֹא־אֶחָד בָּהֶם:

17 וְלִי מִה־יִקְרֹו רַעֲיָךְ אֵל מִה־עֲצָמוֹת רְאשֵׁיהֶם:  
18 אֶסְפָּרָם מִחוּל יִרְבֹּן הַקִּיצֹתִי וְעוֹדִי עִמָּךְ:  
19 אִם־תִּקְטֹל אֱלֹהִים רָשָׁע וְאַנְשֵׁי דָמִים סִירוּ מִנִּי:  
20 אֲשֶׁר יֹאמְרוּךָ לְקִזְמוֹה נִשְׂאִי לִשְׂוֹא עָרִיךָ:

21 הֲלֹא־מִשְׁנֵאִיךָ יְהוָה אֲשָׁנָא וּבְתַקוֹמְכִיךָ אֶתְקוֹטֵט:  
22 תִּכְלִית שְׁנֵאָה שְׁנֵאָתִים לְאוֹיְבִים תִּהְיֶה לִּי:  
23 תִּקְרָנִי אֵל וְדַע לִבִּי פִדְּנִי וְדַע שְׂרַעֲפִי:  
24 וְרָאָה אִם־דֶּרֶךְ־עֲצָבִי כִי אֶנְחִי בְּדֶרֶךְ עוֹלָם:

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139 לְמִנְצַח לְדֹנֵד מִזְמוֹר  
[לְרַעִי מִרְחוֹק:]

יְהוָה יִקְרָאֵנִי וְתָדַע: 2 אֶתָּה יָדַעְתָּ שִׁבְתִּי וְקוֹמִי בְּנֶחֱמָה:  
3 אֶרְתִּי וְרַבְעִי זָרִיתִי וְכָל־דָּרָכַי הִסְפִּנְתָּה:  
4 כִּי אֵין מִלָּה בְּלִשׁוֹנִי הֵן יְהוָה יִדְעֶנָּה כֻּלָּה:  
5 אֶחָזֹר וְקִדְמִי צִדְתִּנִּי וְתִשָּׁת עָלַי כִּפְסָה:  
6 פֶּלְאִי־הָיָה דַעַתִּי מִזְמוֹנִי נִשְׁנָה לֹא־אֻכַּל לֶחֶם:

7 אֲנִי אֱלֹהֵי מְרוֹתָיִךָ וְאַנִּי מִפְּנֵיךָ אֶבְרַח:  
8 אִם־אֶפְקֹ שָׁמַיִם שֵׁם אֶתָּה וְאַצִּיָּעָה שְׂאוֹל הַגֶּזֶק:  
9 אֶשָּׂא כִנְפִי־עֲלֶיךָ אֶשְׁכֶּנֶה בְּאַחֲרִית יָם:  
10 גַּם־שָׁם יִדְרֶךְ מִנְתִּנִּי וְחֲאֲמֹנִי יִמְיִנֶךָ:

11 וְאִמֹר אֶף־חֲשֹׁךְ יִשְׁכַּנִּי וְלִילָה אֹרֶךְ בַּעֲדֵנִי: | כְּאוֹרָה:  
12 גַּם־חֲשֹׁךְ לֹא־יִחְשְׁךָ לְמָוֶה וְלִילָה בְּנוֹם יֵאִיר אֶפְתִּיחָה

13 כִּי־אֶתָּה קִנִּיתָ כְּלִיתִי חֲסִכֵּי בִבְטָן אִמִּי: | יָדַעְתָּ מָוֶה:  
14 אוֹרְךָ עָלַי כִּי נִזְרָאוֹת נִפְלִיתִי "נִפְלְאִים מַעֲשֶׂיךָ" וְנִפְשִׁי  
15 לֹא־נִכְתַּד עֲצָמוֹ לְמָוֶה אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂיתִי בִסְתֵר רִקְמֹתַי  
| בְּתַחֲתִיּוֹת אֲרֶץ:

16 יִזְלַמִּי וְיֵאֵי עֵינַיִךָ וְעַל־סִפְרְךָ כָּלֵם יִכְתְּבוּ  
יָמִים יִצְּרוּ וְלֹא אֶחָד בָּהֶם:

17 וְלִי מִה־יִּקְרֹו רַעִיךָ אֵל מִה־עֲצָמוֹי רֹאשֵׁיהֶם:  
18 אֶסְפָּרם מִחוּל יִרְבֹּן הַקִּיצִתִּי וְעוֹדִי עָמָד:

19 אִם־תִּקְטַל אֱלֹהִים וְרָשָׁע וְאַנְשֵׁי דָמִים סִירוּ מִנִּי:  
20 אֲשֶׁר יֹאמְרוּךָ לְמוֹמָה נָשָׂא לִשְׂוֹא עָרִיךָ:

21 הֲלֹא־מִשְׁנֵאִיךָ יְהוָה אֲשָׁנָא וּבְחִקּוֹמִיךָ אֶתְקוֹטֵט:  
22 תִּכְלִית שְׂנֵאָה שְׂנֵאָתִים לְאוֹיְבִים תִּהְיֶה לִּי:

23 תִּקְרָנִי אֵל וְדַע לִבִּי פִּתְחוֹנִי וְדַע שְׂרַעֲפִי:  
24 וְרָאָה אִם־דִּרְךְ־עֲצָבִי כִּי אֶנְחִי בְּדֶרֶךְ עוֹלָם:

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## God's Work (13-18)



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1 לְמוֹנָח לְדוֹד מִזְמוֹר  
[לְרַעִי מִרְחוֹק:]

יְהוָה יִקְרָאֵנִי וְתָדַע: 2 אֶתָּה יָדַעְתָּ שִׁבְתִּי וְקוֹמִי בְּנֶחֱמָה:  
3 אֶרְצִי וְרִבְעִי זָרִיתִי וְכָל־דֶּרֶכִי הַסְּפִנְתָּה:  
4 כִּי אֵין מִלָּה בְּלִשׁוֹנִי הֵן יִהְיוּ יָדַעְתָּ כָּלָה:  
5 אֶחָזֹר וְקִדְמִי צִדְתִּנִּי וְתִשָּׁת עָלַי כַּסְּכָה:  
6 פֶּלְאִי־הָיָה דַעַתִּי מִמֶּנִּי נִשְׁגָּבָה לֹא־אֻכַּל לֶחֶם:

7 אֲנִי אֱלֹהֵי מְרוֹיָתָךְ וְאַתָּה מִסְפִּנֶנִּי אֲבִירָח:  
8 אִם־אֶסֶק שָׁמַיִם שָׁם אֶתָּה וְאֶצְיָעָה שְׂאוֹל הַגֶּחֱזִי:  
9 אֶשָּׂא כִנְפִי־עֲלֶיךָ אֲשַׁכְנֶה בְּאַחֲרִית יָם:  
10 גַּם־שָׁם יִדְרֶךְ מִנְתֵּנִי וְחֲאֲחֻנֵּנִי יְמִינֶךָ:  
11 וְאֹמַר אֶף־חֲשֹׁךְ יִשְׁכַּנִּי וְלִילָה אֲוֹרִי בַעֲדֵנִי: | כְּאוֹרָה:  
12 גַּם־חֲשֹׁךְ לֹא־יִחְשְׁךָ לְמִנָּה וְלִילָה בְּיוֹם יָאִיר אֶפְתְּשִׁיכָה

13 כִּי־אֶתָּה קִנִּיתָ כְּלִי־תִי חֲסִכְנִי בְּבֶטֶן אִמִּי: | יָדַעְתָּ מִזְמוֹר:  
14 אוֹדֶךָ עַל כִּי נִזְרָאוֹת נִפְלְתִי "נִפְלְאִים מַעֲשֶׂיךָ" וְנִפְשִׁי  
15 לֹא־נִכְתַּד עֲצָמֵי לְמִנָּה אֲשֶׁר־עָשִׂיתִי בַסֶּתֶר רִקְמֹתַי  
| בְּתַחֲתִיּוֹת אֲרֶץ:

16 יְקִלְמִי וְיֵאֵי עֵינַיִךְ וְעַל־סִפְרְךָ כָּל־סִימָנֶיךָ:  
יָמִים יִצְּרוּ וְלֹא־אֶחָד בָּהֶם:  
17 וְלִי מִה־יִּקְרֹו רַעִיךָ אֵל מִה־עֲצָמוֹת רְאשֵׁיהֶם:  
18 אֲסַפְרָם מִחוּל יִרְבּוֹן הַקִּיצֹתִי וְעוֹדִי עִמָּךְ:

19 אִם־תִּקְטַל אֱלֹהִים וְרָשָׁע וְאִנְשֵׁי דָמִים סִירוּ מִנִּי:  
20 אֲשֶׁר יֹאמְרוּךְ לְמוֹמָה נָשָׂא לִשְׂוֹא עָרִיךָ:  
21 הֲלֹא־מִשְׁנֵאִיךָ יִהְיֶה אֲשֶׁנָּא וּבְתַקְוִמְיָךְ אֶתְקוֹטֵט:  
22 תִּכְלִית שְׂנֵאָה שְׂנֵאֲתִים לְאוֹיְבִים תִּהְיֶה לִּי:  
23 תִּקְרָנִי אֵל וְדַע לִבִּי פִדְּנִי וְדַע שְׂרַעֲפִי:  
24 וְרָאָה אִם־דֶּרֶךְ־עֲצָבִי כִי וְנִחַנִּי בְּדֶרֶךְ עוֹלָם:

## God's Knowledge (1-6)

## God's Reach (7-12)

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# What's what?

## Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart

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TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.  
O LORD, you have <sup>p</sup>searched me  
and known me!

<sup>2</sup> You <sup>q</sup>know when I sit down and when I  
rise up;

you <sup>r</sup>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, <sup>s</sup>you know it alto-  
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# God's Knowledge (1-6)

PSALM 138:4 474

<sup>a</sup> All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.  
<sup>b</sup> and they shall sing of 'the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.  
<sup>c</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.  
<sup>d</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you 'preserve my life;  
you 'stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your 'right hand delivers me.  
<sup>e</sup> The Lord will 'fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake 'the work of your hands.

**Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart**  
**139** To THE CHORISTAS. A PSALM OF DAVID.  
O Lord, you have 'searched me and known me!  
<sup>a</sup> You 'know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you 'discern my thoughts from afar.  
<sup>b</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>c</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O Lord, 'you know it altogether.  
<sup>d</sup> You 'hem me in, behind and before,  
and 'lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>e</sup> 'Such knowledge is 'too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.  
<sup>f</sup> 'Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where 'shall I flee from your presence?  
<sup>g</sup> 'If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
'If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
<sup>h</sup> 'If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand shall 'lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.  
<sup>i</sup> 'If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"  
<sup>j</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.  
<sup>k</sup> For you 'formed my inward parts;  
you 'knitted me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>a</sup> Ps 138:1-13  
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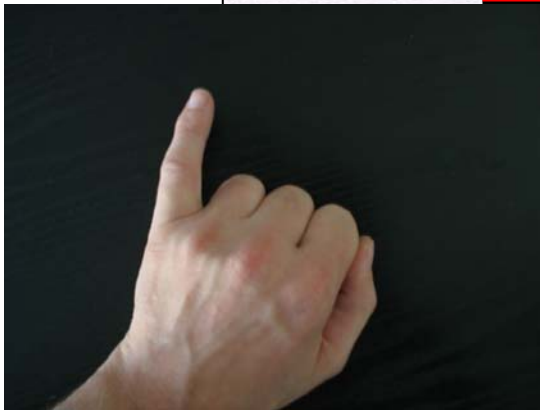
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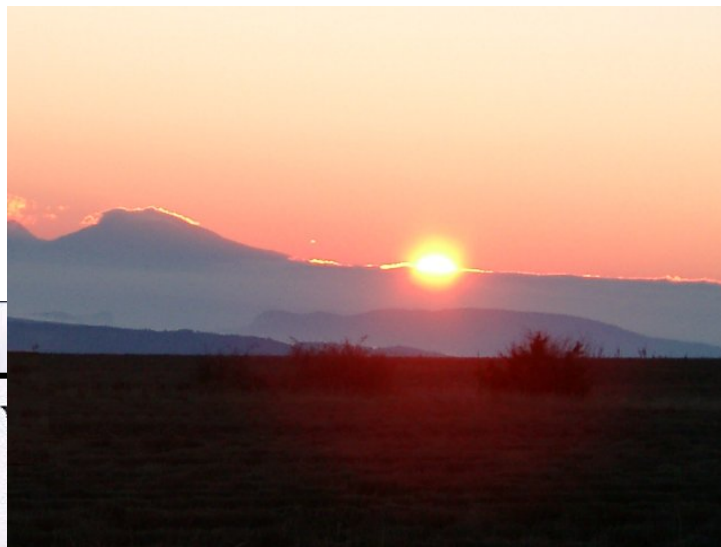
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# God's Work (13-18)

## PSALM 138:4

- <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,  
<sup>5</sup> and they shall sing of 'the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.  
<sup>6</sup> For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.  
<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you 'preserve my life; you 'stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your 'right hand delivers me.  
<sup>8</sup> The LORD will 'fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake 'the work of your hands.

## Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart

139 To THE CHORISTAS. A PSALM OF DAVID.

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<sup>1</sup> You 'know when I sit down and when I rise up; you 'discern my thoughts from afar.  
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- <sup>13</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
<sup>14</sup> '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!  
<sup>20</sup> O 'men of blood, 'depart from me! 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? I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.  
<sup>22</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart! 'Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and 'lead me in 'the way everlasting!

## Deliver Me, O LORD, from Evil Men

140 To THE CHORISTAS. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- <sup>1</sup> Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from 'violent men, who plan evil things in their heart and 'stir up wars continually.  
<sup>2</sup> They make 'their tongue sharp as 'a serpent's, and 'under their lips is the 'venom of asps.  
<sup>3</sup> Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from 'violent men, who have planned to trip up my feet.  
<sup>4</sup> The arrogant have 'hidden a trap for me, and with cords they have spread 'a net,' beside the way they have set 'snares for me.

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<sup>5</sup> For I am fearfully and awfully 'fearfully made. 'O LORD, do not let the wicked way I have spread 'a net' for me.

# God's Work (13-18)

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14<sup>1</sup>See Ps.  
15<sup>1</sup>Job 5.  
Isaiah, 73.  
42:9.  
16<sup>1</sup>Ps. 146.  
17<sup>1</sup>Ps. 92.  
18<sup>1</sup>Ps. 40.  
22:37.  
19<sup>1</sup>Isa. 57.  
2-57<sup>1</sup>Ps.  
Ps. 68.  
20<sup>1</sup>Isaiah  
20:17.  
21<sup>1</sup>See Ps.  
73:22-26.  
23<sup>1</sup>Ps. 26.  
24<sup>1</sup>See Ps.  
6:34; Job 3.  
Psalm 146.  
119:153.  
139:43; 139.  
2<sup>1</sup>See Ps.  
57:7; 71:4.  
3<sup>1</sup>Ps. 22.  
18:43; 70.  
2<sup>1</sup>Quoted Ps.  
4<sup>1</sup>See Job 5.  
57:7.  
162:3; Job  
3:18; 10:18.  
84:5.

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.  
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
'Tis me and know my thoughts!  
24 And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and "lead me in 'the way everlasting!'

**Deliver Me, O Lord, from Evil Men**  
**140** TO THE CHORISTAS: A PSALM OF DAVID.  
 1 Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;  
 2 preserve me from "violent men,  
 3 who plan evil things in their heart  
 4 and who live up ways continually.  
 5 They make "their tongue sharp as a serpent's,  
 6 and "under their lips is the "venom of  
 7 asps. Selah  
 8 Guard me, O Lord, from the hands of the  
 9 wicked;  
 10 preserve me from "violent men,  
 11 who have planned to trip up my feet.  
 12 The arrogant have "hidden a trap for me,  
 13 and with cords they have spread "a  
 14 net—  
 15 beside the way they have set "snares  
 16 for me. Selah

<sup>13</sup>Or for I am fearfully set apart <sup>14</sup>Hebrew lacks your name <sup>15</sup>Or comes <sup>16</sup>Or in the ancient way (compare Jeremiah 3:15) <sup>17</sup>Or they have spread out as a net



# God's Work (13-18)

13 For you <sup>e</sup>formed my inward parts;  
you <sup>f</sup>knitted me together in my mother's womb.



Ever take a personal  
inventory?  
All the way down to the  
kidneys?

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the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.

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O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

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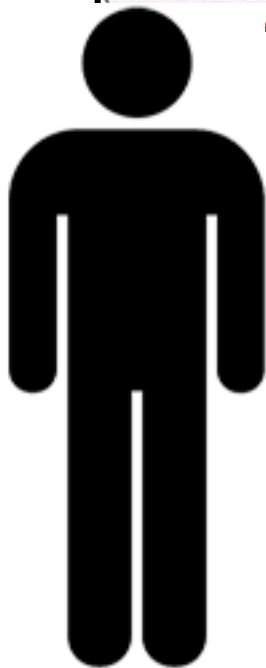
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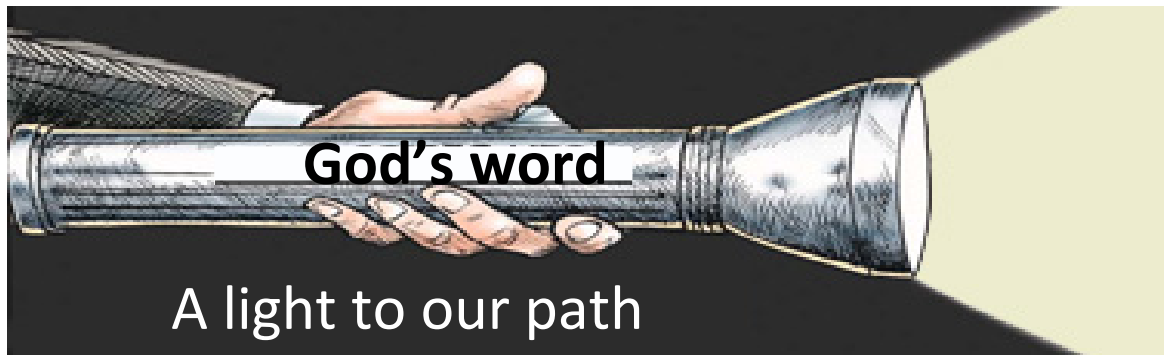


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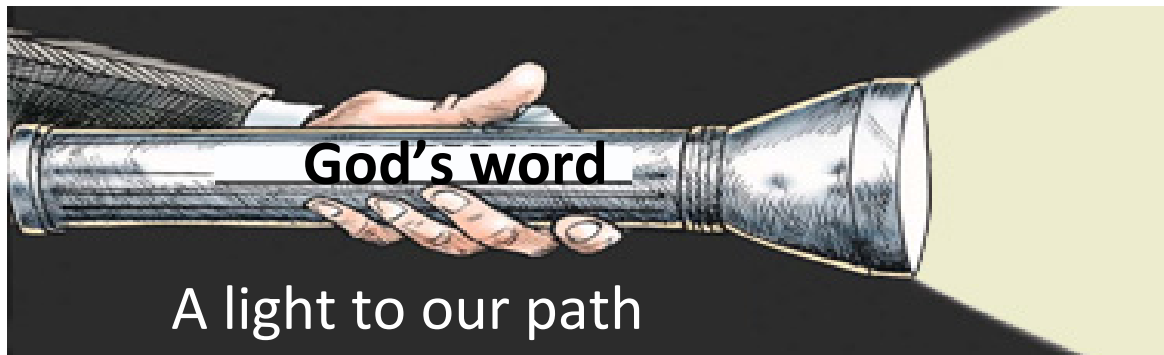
## Points for Home

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*"You have searched... You know... You discern...  
You search out... You are acquainted... You hem  
in"*

(Psalm 139)

***God always has you in mind***



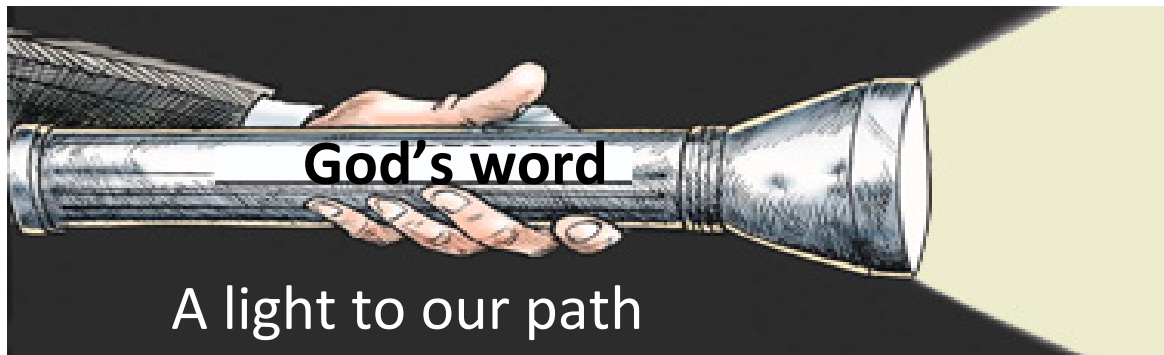
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*“Where? Heaven... Sheol... The morning... The  
sea... darkness...”*

(Psalm 139)

***God is there (and here!)***



## Points for Home

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*“You formed... You knitted... Your works  
are wonderful... You made... You wove...  
You saw... You wrote...”*

(Psalm 139)

***God is involved in your life!***