

Psalm 139: All Knowing, All Present God.

v.1 David realizes that God knows him completely.

v.2 God understands my thoughts in their origins.

v.5 I look back and see God's hand upon my life. I look ahead and see His plans for my life. I'm surrounded by God in my past, present and future.

v.6 "Such knowledge" refers to self-knowledge. Few people know the true motives behind their actions. God looks at our motives.

v.7-12 You cannot escape from the presence of God.

v.14 We're discovering how wonderfully we're made.

v.15-16 God knew me before I was born.

v.17-18 God's thoughts about me are more than the grains of the sand.

v.19 The Psalmist now speaks of the wicked.

v.23 The man who prays, "Search me, O God, and know my heart," recognizes that he doesn't know himself.

Jeremiah 17:9-10 - *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doing."*

1 Timothy 1:5 - *Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,*

2 Timothy 2:22 – *Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

1 Peter 1:22- *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,*

v.24 God will destroy the wicked, so David asks God to purge anything in him that is displeasing. The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives not only reveals Christ to us, but also reveals ourselves to us, including those areas displeasing to God.

I don't want to be deceived about my eternal destiny.

Psalm 140: Preserve me from my enemies.

Psalm 141: Let the righteous strike me.

Proverbs 27:6 - Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Proverbs 9:8 - Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you. Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

2 Timothy 4:2 - Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.