

Title: How God's Power and Presence Change Everything

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Psalm 139 begins not with a request but a declaration: God knows everything about you.

"O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways."

This is more than awareness. It is complete, divine knowledge. He knows your movements, your thoughts, your habits, and even the words you're about to speak.

"For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether."

This isn't surveillance. It's care. It's protection.

"Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me."

The psalmist is overwhelmed by this knowledge, not in fear, but in awe.

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

You Are Surrounded by God's Presence

Some might try to reduce God to a puzzle. Philosophers ask, Can God make a rock so heavy He can't lift it? But that question isn't about seeking truth. It's about shrinking God into human logic.

God is not like us. He is *holy*. He is not limited by the categories we use to explain the world.

He is all-powerful. And in that power, He sees you, surrounds you, and stays with you.

This brings comfort like nothing else. It's the same comfort a child feels when they spot their family in a crowd. Like a little girl on stage at a Christmas concert, surrounded by people, unsure where to look until she finds the familiar face of someone who came for her.

That moment of recognition, of being found, of being seen, this is what Psalm 139 offers.

God's power isn't distant. It is close. It covers you before and behind. His hand is on you.

This is not just about God's capacity. It's about our place within it. And that truth brings security in a world full of fear.

Rest in His Sovereignty

In the chaos of our time, there is no shortage of voices telling us to be afraid of political movements, cultural shifts, and global instability.

But if God is truly sovereign, and He is, then fear loses its grip.

“Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.”

God is not only powerful. He is present.

And because He is sovereign, your life is not meaningless. You are not just a collection of random moments. You are not wandering aimlessly.

You were created in the image of God. That means you have purpose, dignity, and calling.

If He is in charge, then we can hand our worries to Him. Not because we ignore reality, but because we trust Him with it.

Fear is the tool of the enemy. And in many ways, fear is the currency of our culture. News outlets thrive on it. But fear is not from God.

Instead, when you hear bad news, you can pray this simple prayer:

God, thank You that You are in charge. Thank You that You have power over all of this. And thank You that Your hand is on me.

That's the rest that comes from knowing God is both powerful and present.

Nowhere to Hide, and That's a Good Thing

The psalmist asks two rhetorical questions in verse 7:

“Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?”

The answer is obvious: nowhere.

“If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.”

This is not a threat. It's a promise.

Even if you find yourself in the most remote, forgotten place, God is there. His hand still leads. His hand still holds.

“If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.”

There is no darkness God cannot overcome. No situation so hidden that He cannot reach it.

This is the God of Psalm 139.

He knows you. He surrounds you. He leads you. He holds you.

And He is never far away.