PSALM

139

CXXXIX

Individual Confidence (Searched and Known)

Psalms of David · Book V · Psalms That Call for Justice

"For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David."

PICTURE WORD

Dawn Wings

IN ONE SENTENCE

he LORD searches and knows me fully, is present everywhere, formed me in the womb, and I ask him to lead me.

Remember it: One thirty-nine: on dawn's wings or in the dark, his hand still holds me.

MEMORY VERSE

I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that very well.

Psalm 139:14 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

חָקַרְתַּנִי

"you searched me" · verse 1

In the Psalms: three times, in 2 psalms

חָקַרְתַּנִי means "you have searched me." The verb is used for scouts exploring a land and for searching something out thoroughly. The psalm begins with the LORD's searching as a fact (v. 1) and ends with David inviting it as a prayer (v. 23).

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–6	The LORD knows me completely: thoughts, words, and ways
7–12	No place or darkness hides me from his presence
13–18	He knit me together and wrote my days
19–22	A cry against the wicked who hate God
23–24	Search me and lead me in the everlasting way

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 139 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/139**.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

God in Creation · The Two Ways · God Will Not Abandon You

FILL IN THE BLANKS

The LORD _____ and knows me fully, is present everywhere, formed me in the _____, and I ask him to _____ me.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does the psalmist say he would take to settle in the uttermost parts of the sea?

- (A) A ship
- (B) A chariot
- (C) The clouds
- (D) The wings of the dawn

2. Where were the psalmist's days written?

- (A) In your book
- (B) On the temple wall
- (C) On stone tablets
- (D) In the stars

3. The thoughts of God are more in number than...

- (A) the stars
- (B) the sand
- (C) the leaves
- (D) the waves

TALK IT OVER

1. How does the psalm move from "you know me" to "search me"?

2. What does verses 13-16 teach about how God values each human life?

3. Which part of being fully known by God comforts or unsettles you most?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 139 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say verse 14 by heart
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: searches · womb · lead · Check yourself: 1. D (v. 9) · 2. A (v. 16) · 3. B (v. 18)