

Psalm 139

Handout outline....ESV

Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart

You know me....

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

You encompass and surround me....

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

You created me....

13. For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
14. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
15. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
16. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were for me, when as yet there was none of them.

A moment for reflection....

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

Hating those who hate God....

19. Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!
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.

Self examination....

23. Search **me**, O God, and know **my** heart! Try **me** and know **my** thoughts!

The grievous way and the way everlasting....

24. And see if there be any grievous **way** in me, and lead me in the **way** everlasting!