

Lead me in the way everlasting!

PSALM 139:24

Sanctification:

It's a Journey, Not an Event.

A. God's Knowledge [v1-6]

- Jack of all trades and a Master of ALL

B. God's Presence [v 7-12]

- Johnny Cash ain't got nothing on God

C. God's Care [v 13-18]

- He's got more power than the "Great Christmas Light Fight"

D. Faithfulness of David [v 19-24]

- Show me

Study Questions/Prayer

[1] Who knows you the best? Is their knowledge of you comforting or scary?

[2] Read Psalm 139:1-5. Sometimes we don't let people get to know us completely because we are afraid they will discover something about us that they won't like. But God already knows everything about us, even the number of hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30), and still he accepts and loves us. His total awareness of us, therefore, should comfort us because he stays with us through every situation and in every trial, protecting, loving, and guiding us, and knowing and loving us completely. Does your attitude reflect your belief of this truth or do you need God's help to grow your faith in Him?

[3] Read and Pray. Read Psalm 130:23-24. David asked God to search for sin and point it out, even to the level of testing his thought and anxieties. This is exploratory surgery for sin. How are we to recognize sin unless God points it out? Then, when God shows it to us, we can repent and be forgiven. Make this verse your prayer. Pray and ask the Lord to search your heart and your thoughts and to reveal your sin. Pray and submit and you will be led along the way of everlasting life.

Psalm 139

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.
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.
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 formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.
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.
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.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
24 And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and **lead me in the way everlasting!**