



# Songs of Summer

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Psalm 139

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

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!

### **The Attributes of God show us that God protects, leads and works on us.**

#### **1. God's knowledge protects (v1-6)**

- Omniscient — God fully knows himself and all things actual and possible in one simple and eternal act. (Grudem, 1250 *Systematic Theology*)
  - a. We can marvels about God's knowledge of all things
  - b. Protects with his hand (v5)
  - c. We can find comfort in the tension of not totally understanding God's ways (v6)

#### **2. God's presence leads (v7-12)**

- Omnipresent — God does not have size or special dimensions and is present at every point of space with his whole being, yet God acts differently in different places. (Grudem, 1250 *Systematic Theology*)
  - a. There is no physical space without him (7-9)
  - b. No environment he can't meet you (v10-12)
    - i. Psalm 23 (CSV)

#### **3. God works on us (v13-16)**

- Omnipotent (all powerful) — God is able to do all his holy will. (Grudem, 1250 *Systematic Theology*)
  - a. God's hands are still active in forming and creating (v13-15)
  - b. We are all an ongoing work of God (in this moment) (v16)

#### **4. Our response to God (v17-24)**

- a. In awe and worship (v17-18)
- b. With a cry for divine justice (v19-22)
- c. With submission to God's leading (v23-24)

A look to Jesus who embodied these attributes

- Jesus knows us: John 4:15-18
- Jesus is there: John 4:19-26
- We can worship Jesus: John 4:28-30;39-42