

Songs of Summer Psalm 139

We all have a song or two that when we hear it takes us back to those summer vibes. The lyrics and the melody take us back to the beach, the pool, the sunset, our friends, some of our best summer memories. Those songs have a special place in our memories. But there are also songs in Scripture that should take us back and remind us of who God is and what God has done. The Psalms are chocked full of songs of summer to listen to. This summer let's go back and listen to some of Scripture's best songs of summer.

We worship a God who in his sovereignty protects, leads, and works on us.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

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!
 - As you think about God, how would you describe God? What characteristics or attributes come to mind? What do these tell you about who God is? What do these tell you about what you believe about God?
 - What does it mean for God to be omniscient? How is God's knowledge not only cosmic in scale but also personal?
 - Psalm 139:1 says, "O Lord, you have searched me and known me!" How does it make you feel to know that God knows you?

- God isn't only omniscient; he's omnipresent. The psalm says that "Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?" (Psalm 139:7). What does it mean for God to be omnipresent?
- David writes, "If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,' even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you" (Psalm 139:11–12). How does it make you feel to know that God is present and near you even when you don't feel him?
- Turn to Psalm 139:13–16. David highlights the omnipotence of God. How do these verses speak to his omnipotence?
- Often when we think of God's omnipotence, we think of his ability to create in big ways (e.g., galaxies, planets, etc.), but here David highlights another element of God's omnipotence. How does the intricate work of creating humans speak to God's omnipotence?
- What does God's omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence lead David to do?
- Why is praise always the appropriate response to God's attributes on display?
- Robbie Lee closed his message turning to John 4. How does Jesus embody God's omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence? What does this tell us about Jesus?