Psalm 139:1-24 I Will Praise You for I Am Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

God's Perfect Knowledge of Man

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1.0 Yahweh (LORD), You have searched me and known me.
- ² You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.
- ³ You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Yahweh (LORD), You know it altogether.
- ⁵ You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.
- ⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?
- ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, 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 fall* on me," Even the night shall be light about me;
- ¹² Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You*.
- 13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;* Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them.
- ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O 'Eel (God)! How great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.
- ¹⁹ Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O Elowah (God)! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.
- ²⁰ For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.*
- ²¹ Do I not hate them, O Yahweh (LORD), who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
- ²² I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.
- ²³ Search me, O 'Eel (God)!, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;
- ²⁴ And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Facts Revealed:

❖ ·O Yahweh (LORD), You have searched me and known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O Yahweh (LORD), You know it altogether.

You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. [Psalm 139:1-6]

- ❖ David acknowledged Yahweh's total knowledge of him including his thoughts, ways & words.
- ♦ The knowledge of Yahweh is far beyond man's ability to understand.
- ♦ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall* on me," Even the night shall be light about me:

Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You*.

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. [Psalm 139:7-

- ♦ The presence of Yahweh is everywhere in all His creation.
- ♦ His guiding care for us is everywhere.
- ♦ Darkness and light are the same to Yahweh as He sees the same in both.
- ♦ It is Yahweh Who has formed all our parts in our mother's wombs.
- □ I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;*

Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O 'Eel (God)! How great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. [Psalm 139:14-18]

- → David described how Yahweh planed for making him before he was conceived in his mother's womb.
- ♦ It was all written in God's book including the length of his life.
- ♦ Yahweh's precious thoughts toward us is far more then we could ever imagine.
- ♦ It is wonderful to know when we awake that Yahweh is still with us.
- ☼ Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O Elowah (God)!

Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.

For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take *Your name* in vain.*

Do I not hate them, O Yahweh (LORD), who hate You? And do I not loathe those who

rise up against You?

I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. [Psalm 139:19-22]

- ♦ David is always aware of the wicked all around him and asked Yahweh to slay them.
- ♦ He also wanted them to depart from him.
- ♦ The wicked are also the enemies of Yahweh and take His name in vain.
- ❖ David expressed his perfect hatred for the enemies of Yahweh and how he loathes them and considers them his enemies also.
- Search me, O 'Eel (God)!, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. [Psalm 139:23-24]
 - ♦ David asked 'Eel to search his own heart for wickedness, and to lead him in the way everlasting.