

KNOWING THE GOD WHO KNOWS US

3 ways that show how God wants to be close to us:

1). God sees us and loves us (vs. 1-6)

Psalm 139:1 (NIV) *You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.*

2). God does not stop pursuing us (vs. 7-12)

⁷ *Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

3). God shapes us and gives us purpose (vs. 13-16)

¹³ *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*

Psalm 139:17 (NIV) *How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.*

Psalm 139:19 (NIV) *If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!* ²⁰ *They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.* ²¹ *Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?* ²² *I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.*

Psalm 139:23 (NIV) *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.* ²⁴ *See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*