



*Psalms of
Summer*

Psalm 139

1 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.

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.

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.

17 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.

19 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.

23 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.



Let's consider these today:

1. God knows everything, but specifically YOU.
2. Is being known a good or bad thing?
3. Why does it even matter that we are known?



God knows everything,
but specifically
you.

The background of the image consists of dark, overlapping shadows of palm fronds cast onto a light-colored wall. The shadows create a complex, geometric pattern of lines and shapes, with some areas appearing in shades of brown and orange, suggesting a warm, low-angle light source like the sun. The overall effect is a textured, organic backdrop for the text.

You know when

I sit and when

I rise.

~Ps. 139: 2

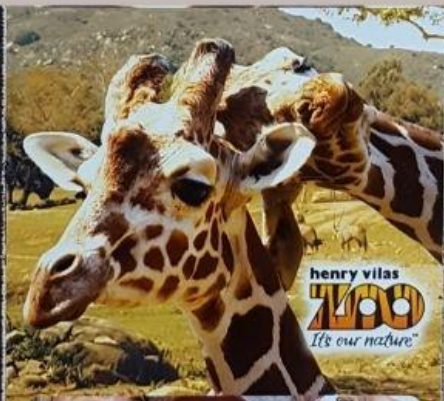
Before a word is on

my tongue,

you, *Lord,*

know it completely.


~Ps. 139: 4





Is being fully known

good or *bad?*



Being known is the one
thing we all
crave and *fear*...



Why does it matter

if we are

fully known?

What is does say...

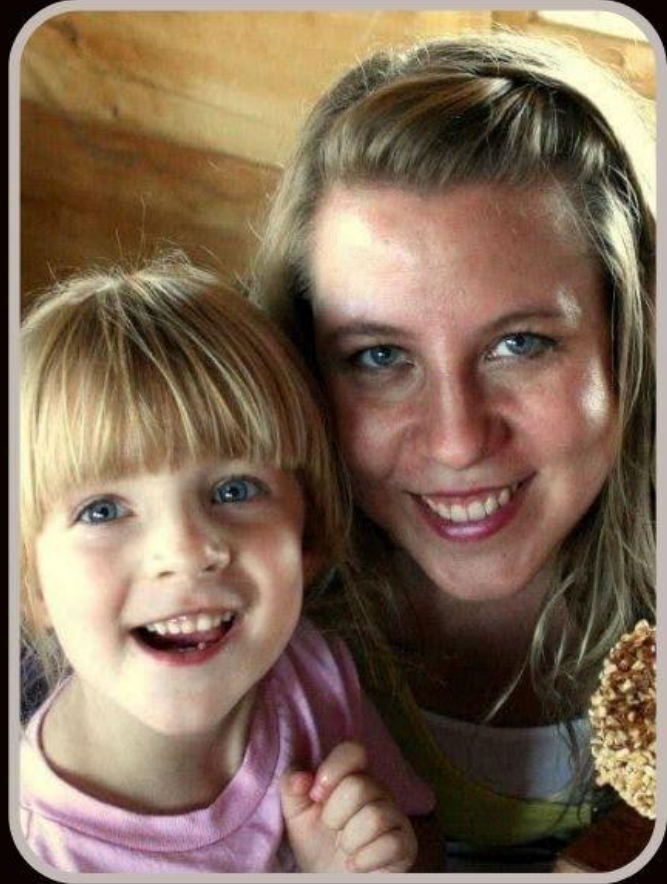
- God knows you.
- He loves you.
- He created you.
- He is sewn directly to you.
- There is no where you can go where he isn't.

What is does NOT say...

- God will instantly take your trouble away.
- He will stop all your pain.
- He will block all bad things from happening.

What He has done...

- He has been a part of my suffering.
- He walks with me in my trauma.
- He reminds me that he loves me.
- He gives me peace through the pain.



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~Ps. 139: 23-24