

"We Are Significant People" Psalm 139

Our true significance comes from the fact that God knows us, is present with us, has created us, and guides us through life.

Overview

- "The Hound of Heaven" – poem by Francis Thompson
- One of the "summits" of OT poetry
- Provides the basis for our significance
- God has something significant for your life
- I am significant because God knows me, is present with me, created me and guides me.

The Flow of Thought

Verses 1 – 6 God's Omniscience How well does God know me?	
Verses 7 – 12, God's Omnipresence Just how near is God to me?	↑
Verses 13 – 18 God's Omnipotence When did God get to know me?	↑
Verses 19 – 24, The Destructiveness of Sin & Evil How do I respond to evil within and without?	

Verses 1 – 6 God's Omniscience

How well does God know me?

- Verse 1 – The theme of the Psalm
- Verses 2, 3 – God encompasses us at all times
- Verses 4,5 – A prime proof of God's omniscience
- Verse 6 – God's knowledge of us is overwhelming.

Verses 7 – 12, God's Omnipresence

Just how near is God to me?

- Verse 7 – Two possibilities
- Verses 8, 9 – You can't outrun God!
- Verse 10-12 – The comforting assurance of God's abiding presence.

Verses 13 – 18 God’s Omnipotence

When did God get to know me?

- Verse 13 – “For” (explains what precedes)
- Verse 14 – Valuing what God has done in us.
- Verses 15,16 – God superintends human birth.
- Verses 17, 18 – We are never out of God’s mind.

Verses 19 -24– Response to Evil

How do I respond to evil within & without

- Verses 19 – 22, “God’s enemies are my enemies.
- Verses 23 – 24, A prayer for God’s searchlight and for His leadership.

Conclusion

- I am significant because God knows me, God is present with me, God created me and God guides me.
- God has something significant for my life
- I desire a full and open relationship with Him