

“Living in Response to God’s Character” Psalm 139

Psalm 139, our focus this morning, is certainly not a generic psalm, but one that is intensely personal. In its 24 verses, David includes 60 references to himself. Even so, David’s words are God-centered as he reflects on what his response should be in light of God’s flawless character.

The psalm easily divides itself into four stanzas, the first three dealing with different attributes of God’s character, and the fourth with how David desired to live in response to what He knew to be true about God.

1. God’s omniscience (vs. 1-6) “You know everything about me.”

- II Chronicles 16:9; Job 28:23-24; 31:16; Psalm 90:4; Isaiah 46:9-10; Matthew 10:29-30; John 2:24-25; Hebrews 4:13; I John 3:20

2. God’s omnipresence (vs. 7-12) “You are with me everywhere I go.”

- Deuteronomy 10:14; Jeremiah 23:23-24

3. God’s omnipotence (vs. 13-18) “You are sovereign over my life.”

- Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:27; Psalm 103:19; Matthew 19:26; Acts 13:36; I Timothy 6:15
- David highlights God’s sovereignty over his birth and his death.

4. David’s open and honest response (vs. 19-24) “You are my God forever.”

- His attitude toward God’s enemies (vs. 19-22)
- His request for God to search his heart (vs. 23-24a)
- His prayer for God’s eternal leadership in his life (vs. 24b)