



10/8/25

God said, "Let Us make man in Our image" (Genesis 1:26). "Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature" (Genesis 2:7). God is intimately involved in your life and mine because He loves us. We're His image bearers. More than any other creature He's made, He cares for His people. In Matthew 6:26 Jesus said, "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" Today's passage, Psalm 139, will give you and me deeper insight into His involvement in us, His image bearers.

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Psalm 139:1-12 ~

"O Lord, You have searched me and known me!" How deeply does He know me, His image bearer? He knows where I am right now and what I'm doing. He knows... He understands me. He knows when I'm sitting and why I'm sitting. He knows when I'm standing and why I'm standing.

Even when He feels distant to me... He knows my every thought. That kinda freaks me out! I have thoughts that I would not want ANYONE to know. And yet, He says it's safe for me that He knows my thoughts. Because He knows them even better than I do, He's able to renew my mind so that my thoughts change to be pleasing to Him and peaceful for me. Who else would know my every thought and not run from me? God's love is so great that He endures my unholiness and changes me to have His holiness.

The Lord searches out the way I'm walking and where I'm walking. He comprehends why I'm walking there. He understands when I'm lying down because I need rest. He understands what I need far better than I do.

He's familiar with the paths I take... the journey of my life. That means He can help me to get on the right path when I'm going down the wrong path. "All HIS paths are steadfast love and

faithfulness" (Psalm 25:10). O Lord, lead me to YOUR paths, I pray!

Even before I speak a word, He knows what I'm going to say... probably before I even know I'm going to say it. This can either encourage me or frustrate me, depending on how I see God and how I see myself. If I see myself as His image bearer whose purpose is to glorify Him, this knowledge will motivate me to worship Him for His mercy and grace. If I see myself as though He owes me something, I will blame Him for the words that come out of my mouth... "Why didn't You stop me?" But I'm responsible for the words that come out of my mouth.

I praise God that not every thought in my heart comes out of my mouth! The fact that He knows every thought and not every thought comes out makes me think that maybe He does stop some of the words from coming out. And when He allows words to come out that shouldn't be there, He allows me to see how dangerous my thoughts are... so that He can help my thoughts change. And then the words will be different as well. "For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45).

Here's how I know the Lord doesn't search me and know me so that He can condemn me... He hems me in behind and before and lays His hand on me. Those are cuddling words! That's a hug!

I love when one of my grandkids comes and climbs into my lap so that I can wrap my arms around them and "snuggle" them. I love when my grownup adult daughters need a hug from their mom and let me wrap my arms around them and comfort them. There is no part of me that rejects those hugs. And there is no part of the Lord that rejects holding me. The fact that He knows every part of me... the good, the bad, and the ugly... and He still wants to hold me is "too wonderful for me. It is high. I cannot attain it."

"Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence?" Why would I run from You? That would be crazy! And yet sometimes I do. I feel shame that I don't measure up to Your goodness... or I want something that I know would not please You. But You are so good to me. I can't run from You. Wherever I go, You're still there. Even if I try to abandon You, You will never abandon me. Your Spirit has SEALED me and I am Yours. You are always with me (Ephesians 1:13-14).

Surely, if I go to heaven, You're there. That's obvious. But even when I die, You'll be there. No matter where I dwell, even in the uttermost parts of the sea where no one else would find me, You're still there. You lead me and hold me. Isaiah 40:11 says that You hold me close to Your heart.

I don't even have to be afraid of the dark. Even when I feel like the darkness is crushing me, it can't crush You... and You're with me. Darkness is not dark to You. You can see in the dark. You light up the night as bright as the night Jesus was born and the angels cried out, "Glory to God in the highest."

You have searched the parts of me that I don't even understand. You know everything about

me, and instead of rejecting me You pull me in closer to You. You hold me and You lead me and You protect me from the darkness. This is my motivation for being a faithful image bearer who does what I was created to do... glorify You. O Lord, please continue to change my heart and mind so that my thoughts, words, and actions become more and more like You. "My soul clings to You. Your right hand holds me up" (Psalm 63:7). Praise Your Name.