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OT Reference: Ex. 20:7; Ps. 26:2; Is. 63:10; Jer. 12:3, 17:10 **NT Reference:** Rom. 1:29 – 31; Eph. 4:30

Psalm 139:17-1: *¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

¹⁹ Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!

²⁰ They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

²² I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

In this text: As the psalmist condemns the Lord's enemies he is sobered into self-introspection as he invites the Lord to examine his heart.

For us today: we must realize that though we may be justified in our condemnation of God's enemies, we

ourselves should be greatly humbled by a realistic look at our own hearts and sinfulness.

➤ **Justified Condemnation of the Lord's** _____ (vs. 19 – 22)

- They are men of _____.
- They take the Lord's name in vain.
- They are God-_____.

²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (Rom 1:29-31 ESV)
Who we are before God.

“Even our very condemnation of what is evil requires to be tested.”

➤ **Sobered Invitation of the Lord's Scrutiny.** (vs. 23 – 24)

Psalm 26:2 *Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.*

A prayer:

- _____ me.
- _____ me.
- _____ me.
- _____ me.
- _____ me.