

A Psalm of David.

139 O LORD, thou hast searched me and known me!

2 Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up;
thou discernest my thoughts from afar.

3 Thou searchest out my path and my lying down,
and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou dost beset me behind and before,
and layest thy hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high, I cannot attain it.

7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, thou art there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, thou art there!

9 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10 even there thy hand shall lead me,
and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to thee,
the night is bright as the day;
for darkness is as light with thee.

13 For thou didst form my inward parts,
thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise thee, for thou art fearful and wonderful.^[a]
Wonderful are thy works!

Thou knowest me right well;

15 my frame was not hidden from thee,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.

16 Thy eyes beheld my unformed substance;
in thy book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious to me are thy thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
When I awake, I am still with thee.^[b]

Isaiah 44:6-8 RSV

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it,
let him declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?^[b]
Let them tell us^[c] what is yet to be.

⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

Isaiah 45:5 RSV

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I gird you, though you do not know me,