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### Search Me!

**Scripture:** Psalm 139:1-4, 23-24

**Theme:** God is all-seeing, all-knowing, all-holy, all-present. God knows us. God is with us, and His greatest gift is to allow us to know Him.

**Search** – To look over or through for the purpose of finding something: to explore; to examine by inspection.

David fully understood the omniscience of God and found it reassuring, awe-inspiring, and a motivation for consecration. One of God's attributes that gives the child of God a sense of security and bolsters faith is the fact that God knows everything. Search me—dig into me, bring the deep-lying parts to light and know my heart; the centre of my personality, my inmost self.

He knows the thoughts and intents of the heart. He also knows the future behavior of mankind. Jesus said the knowledge of God includes every sparrow in existence and the number of hairs on every individual's head. He knows the number of stars in the heavens and the name of each one. Nothing can hide from God. He sees and rewards the private consecration of sincere believers. He is aware of the existence and activities of every creature and knows the days that we will live even before we are born. He even knows what people would have done under different circumstances.

The omniscience of God may strike fear in the hearts of sinners who suddenly realize that God is fully aware of the darkness of their hearts (Genesis 6:5). Furthermore, He is acutely aware of the sinful behaviors they have tried to keep secret; however, this wonderful truth should simply affirm to the child of God that He loves us, is continually aware of us, and deserves our trust. Sometimes we don't let people get to know us completely because we are afraid, they will discover something about us they won't like. But God already knows everything about us, even to the number of hairs and our heads, and still he accepts and loves us. **He is with us through every situation, in every trial—protecting, loving, guiding.**

He knows and loves us completely.

God knows all things. His omniscience has practical implications for the child of God and, in the end, will have ramifications for the sinner as well. Four conclusions from the revelation of the omniscience of God that we can readily apply to our lives. First, the omniscience of God should give the child of God a sense of security. God knows every mistake we have ever or will ever make and yet He provided a way of salvation for us through the Atonement. Second, God's omniscience tells us that God knows all things and He knows what is best for us. Therefore, when God gives us a warning or direction, we should be extremely sensitive to that information and act accordingly. Third, we should take solace in the fact that God knows all things. He knows the negative situations that arise in our lives and He is there with us through each of them. Finally, the child of God should take the omniscience of God seriously and live soberly before Him, realizing that all things are open to His eyes (Hebrews 4:13).

Psalm 139:23-24 is a prayer by David asking God to examine him and his character, identifying the sin so that God can show him the way to eternal life. This is exploratory surgery for sin. David invites God to search him and reveal anything offensive. The prayer denotes great sincerity on the part of the psalmist and indicates self-distrust. David wants God to show him any offensive way, so that it can be dealt with, and to lead him in the way of God. **How are we to recognize sin unless God points it out?** Then when God shows us, we can repent and be forgiven. Make this verse your prayer. If you ask the Lord to search your heart and your thoughts to reveal sin in your life, you will be continuing in God's everlasting way.

Search me is the expression of a penitence that knows itself to be full of evil, that does not know all the evil of which it is full, that needs enlightenment. **It is useless to ask God to search us if we lock our hearts against His searching.** We are accustomed to talk of the heart as being the seat of emotions, affections, feelings, whereas we relegate thoughts to the head. But Scripture does not quite take that metaphorical view. In it the heart is the centre of personal being, and out of it there comes, not only emotions and love, but 'thoughts and intents.' The difference, then, between these two, 'heart' and 'thoughts' is this, the one is the workshop and the other is the product.

**May you be blessed with these encouraging words and Search Me is a Personal Request!**



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