

# God's Sovereign Presence

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Scripture: Psalm 139

- Introduction
  - The Basic Questions in Life
    - Who am I?
    - Where did I come from?
    - Why am I here?
    - Where am I going?
  - Origins
    - Pittsburgh
    - Hum Gnui, Hum Ha, Pei Dan Jook, Buk Jam Gai
    - My parents origin
  
- Psalm 139:1-6, *"O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. 5 You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain."*
  
- God's Omniscience
  - God is all knowing
  - Science – a systematic approach to knowing
  - God is all knowing and personal
  
- Psalm 139:7, *"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."*
  
- God's Omnipresence
  - God is all present
  - God is present in every dimension
  - Star Trek
  - Cancer

- Psalm 139:13, *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you."*
- God's Creatorship
  - God created us
  - DNA
  - Unformed body – embryo
  - Theodore Geisel
  - R.C. Sproul - *"Abortion is not a matter of private choice--not for the Christian who understands anything about the sanctity of life. The first century church made it very clear in their day, explicitly stating that abortion is murder.*
  - How do we respond as a church and as Christians?
  - ECO - ***"recognize and honor the image of God in every human being from conception to natural death."***
- Psalm 139:19, *"If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men! 20 They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. 21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you? 22 I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies. 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."*
- God's Holiness
  - God's absolute purity in righteousness, justice, and goodness
  - God hates evil
  - Where is God's holiness in our culture?
  - Jesus Christ came to make us holy
  - 1 Peter 1:16, *"Be holy, because I am holy."*