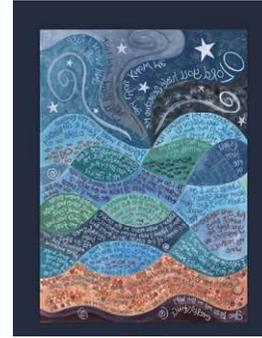
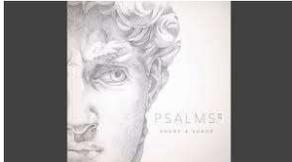


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PSALM 23 19/07/20



<p>Intro...</p>	<p><i>In Psalm 23, last time we saw that David – the shepherd king, knew that God, the good shepherd, was with him through everything. We saw that David didn't just know about God – he KNEW him. In Psalm 139 David thanks God for the amazing fact that God KNOWS him – even better than he knows himself... That might be quite a scary thought to you – but David knew that it is a wonderful thing to be known perfectly by our good shepherd.</i></p>
<p>Read...</p>	<p>Psalm139 Read it ... https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20139&version=NIV Or listen to it being read ... https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/Ps.139</p>
<p>Listen...</p>	<p><i>A setting of Psalm 139 by Shane and Shane</i></p>  <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqmBU2M2p3k</p> <p><i>Another song based on Psalm 139 by Steffany Gretzinger</i></p>  <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVVMQved8k</p>
<p>Watch...</p>	<p>https://www.pursuegod.org/psalm-139-how-god-pursues-you-youth/</p>  <p><i>A few thoughts on this psalm – 4 minutes long. He obviously enjoys singing...!</i></p>
<p>Think...</p>	<p><i>Read, or listen to, psalm 139:1-18 again. Look at verses 1-8</i></p> <p><i>1. Who is the person who knows you best? How does that person's knowledge of you compare with what God knows</i></p>

about you? How does this make David feel in verse 6? Do you agree? Why/why not?

Knowing that God knows all about us means we don't have to pretend. Jesus died in our place because he knows how rubbish we are most of the time. There is no point hiding and pretending. God knows what we are like and loves us and forgives us because of Jesus. That is great news!

Look at verses 7-12.

2. Where is God according to these verses? Why does David think this is a really good thing? Verse 10. When might you find it helpful to remember that God is always with you? When might it be less comfortable?

David feels this way because he knows God as his loving Shepherd. Remember Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep - having someone like that with us all the time is wonderful.

Look at verses 13-16

3. What else do we learn about God here? How does David react to this in verse 14? Is this how you feel when you think about yourself?

We might not always like the way we look - but we have been made by God, the master designer. He made us the way we are. Every one of us is a miracle of divine engineering - that is very cool!

Look at verses 17-18

4. David has been awestruck by what God knows about HIM. Here he thinks about what God knows about EVERYTHING! God knows everything about everything! Look at verse 18. Maybe David was lying in bed trying to get to sleep - rather than count sheep - which he probably did too...here he is counting God's thoughts! When he wakes up the next morning he remembers that this great God has been with him the whole time watching over him.

Spend a few moments thanking God for how brilliant he is.

Listen...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fejHEz-WFSI>



A great song by Stars Go Dim.

You know me better. God knows us inside out, but because of Jesus he sees us as perfect! WOW

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYR0xP1j4PY>

Pray...

- *David knows that God knows all about him -be honest with God - tell him what you are thinking and feeling - he knows anyway!*
- *Remember God is always with you. Look forward to the week ahead and thank God he will be with you whatever you do. Talk to him about what you will be doing. Ask him to help you knowing he knows you better than you know yourself.*
- *Thank God for making you wonderfully!*
- *David knew that being known by God is a wonderful thing. Pray for friends who don't yet know what it is like to be loved, known and cared for by the Lord of heaven and earth. Pray for courage to talk to them about how much god loves them.*