

Do Not Be Afraid

Psalm 139

Psalm 139:23-24

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Try me, and know my anxieties; And
see if *there is any* wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:1-4

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Matthew 14:25-27

Genesis 3:8-10

Psalm 139:5-6

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Deuteronomy 20:2-4

Numbers 14:7-9

Psalm 139:7-12

Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are*
there.
If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Psalm 139:7-12

Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.

If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on
me,” Even the night shall be light about me;
Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from
You, But the night shines as the day;
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Joshua 1:9

Jonah 1:1-3a

Psalm 139:13-15

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You covered me in my mother's womb.
I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and*
wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your
works, And *that* my soul knows very well.
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When I was made in secret,
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John 9:1-3

Exodus 4:10-12

Psalm 139:16

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet
unformed.

And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When *as yet there were* none of them.

Fear of my past and an unknown
future

Exodus 3:11

Luke 1:30,38

Psalm 139:17-18a

How precious also are Your thoughts to me,
O God! How great is the sum of them!

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1 John 4:9-10

John 10:10

Psalm 139:18b

When I awake, I am still with You.

Fear that God will leave you

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Romans 8:35, 37-39

Psalm 139:19

Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men. For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take *Your name* in vain. Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies

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1 Samuel 13:5-15

Matthew 14:28-31

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What is your fear

- Ask God to reveal it
- Confess it
- Let God lead you in courage