



SERMON SINGLES

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How Great Is Our God?

Psalm 139:1-18

NOTES INTRODUCTION Do your thoughts of God glorify Him or grieve Him? Do your prayers to God bless Him or insult Him? Does your giving show you trust God enough to give Him your tithe and believe He will meet all your needs? A. W. Tozer said: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." How would you answer that question? If you need help or a starting point in coming up with your answer, a king named David wrote a song that gives us the most exhaustive description of the greatness of God found in the Bible. As we study this passage of Scripture today, we are going to learn why the greatest knowledge we can ever have is the knowledge of just how great God is. And as we do, we're going to be able to get a little closer to answering the question, "How great is our God?" **KEY POINTS** 1. I Can Trust The God Who Is Omniscient In His **Perception** The word "omniscient" comes from the Latin word "omni" which means "all" and the Latin word, "scientia" which means "to know." Therefore, the word translates to mean "all-knowing." God knows everything about everything and everyone all the time. Have you ever been around anybody who acted like a "know-itall?" With God, it is not acting. He is the true "know-it-all." I John 3:20 says, "...God is greater than our hearts and he knows everything." God is just like your teenager: you can't tell Him anything because He already knows it all. To take it a step further, we must understand that God's knowledge is not just intellectual; it is also personal. God doesn't just know about you; He knows you. He knows you better than you know you, and that's part of what makes Him so great! 2. I Can Trust The God Who Is Omnipresent In His Person Another huge comfort we can have in knowing God is realizing that He is everywhere all the time. He is omnipresent. We can never go anywhere where God is not already there with us.

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Loneliness is such a common struggle in our culture today. We're more connected than ever, but we're lonelier than ever as well. Thankfully, as believers and followers of Jesus, we can find comfort and peace in the fact that we can trust a God who is always with us, which means we are never alone.

3. I Can Trust The God Who Is Omnipotent In His Power Omnipotent means "all-powerful." We serve an all-powerful God who can do anything that doesn't contradict His character or His goodness. In Psalm 139, David attempts to point us to God's omnipotence, but not in the way you might expect. Instead of pointing to the stars, the sun, the waters, or the galaxies, David directs our attention to the human body.

David was no doctor and had no medical training. He didn't know nearly what we know today about what a finely tuned engine the human body is. But he could see even thousands of years ago that the human body must have been created by a great God. He talks about how God knit each of us together in our mother's womb, how He created each of us uniquely, and how we are all fearfully and wonderfully made. Only an all-powerful God could do something like that. We are living, breathing examples of His greatness.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

 How does knowing that God knows everything grow your trust in Him?
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3. What is another example besides the human body that points to God's

- 2. Do you ever struggle with loneliness? If so, what is one verse you can commit to memory that will remind you that God is omnipresent?
- greatness and all-powerful nature?

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