# The Doctrine of God | May 2, 2021

# **Summary**

I believe only the God of the Bible can give me dignity and worth through His Son Jesus Christ.

# **Scripture**

#### A Psalm of David.

139 O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

- <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- <sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- <sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
- <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
- <sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.
- <sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. <sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you. <sup>19</sup>Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! <sup>20</sup>They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain. <sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? <sup>22</sup>I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies. <sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! <sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!
- <sup>21</sup> This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. <sup>22</sup> Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. Colossians 1:21-22 (NLT)

### Let's Start

Psalm 139 (ESV)

Do you have a tattoo? If you'd like to share, how did you choose it?

# **Gratitude and Prayer**

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to pray for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

### Let's Talk

- 1. "Nothing is absolutely true, everything is negotiable." What are the ramifications of this quote, which is so common in our society?
- 2. What do we discover about God in Psalm 139?
- 3. What portion of Psalm 139 is most meaningful to you? Why?
- 4. How does David feel about God's knowledge about him? How do you react to the knowledge of God knowing your every action/thought?
- 5. "God knows everything about you...everything...and He still loves you! That's not entrapment, that's freedom! It's not dehumanizing; it is life giving." How do you react to this quote by Pastor Dale?
- 6. How does Psalm 139 and Pastor Dale's sermon inspire you to think about yourself and your value to God?

### Let's Act

What are ways we can convey God's loving and intimate care to those who are hurting? Write a creed—what do you believe about God?

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