

POCKET-SIZED PRAYER...

(3) In His Presence...

PSALM 139...

1 You have searched me, Lord, 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, Lord, know it completely.

5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

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.*

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, 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.*

19 If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

20 They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

21 Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

22 I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

23 Search me, 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.

Why Do We Need To Enter... INTO GOD'S PRESENCE?

First Reason **WHY** entering **INTO GOD'S PRESENCE** is **VITAL** to a **Successful Prayer Life...**

1. God is... OMNISCIENT!

The Psalmist begins his prayer... **NOT** with a **Self-Assessment...**
(But Rather...) **Requesting a DIVINE ASSESSMENT**

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Healthy Relationships are Candid Relationships!

5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

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Prayer isn't a matter of you **Debriefing God... on your **Problems!****

It often involves you **talking out those problems** in order to
see more clearly what God Wants You To Do... with **Those Problems!**

Second Reason **WHY** entering **INTO GOD'S PRESENCE** is **VITAL** to a **Successful Prayer Life...**

2. God is... OMNIPRESENT!

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God doesn't **REQUIRE YOUR PRAISE** to **REASSURE HIM...**
GOD REQUIRES YOUR PRAISE to **ENCOURAGE** and **INSPIRE YOU!**

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when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all
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4. God is... PROVISION!

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speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. 21 Do I not hate those who
hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you? 22 I have nothing but hatred
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my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting.

The Psalmist asks God to keep him **ALIGNED WITH HIM... COMPLETELY
DEPENDENT ON HIM...** As opposed to **WHAT/WHO** he is most likely to
become dependent on... if it were left up to him!

Hebrews 4:16... (KJV)

*Let us therefore come **BOLDLY** unto the throne of grace... that we
may obtain **mercy**... and find **grace** to **help** in **time of need**.*
