

Our God Is Close

In Psalm 139:1-2 David says *"O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away."*

David was untroubled by the paradox of a transcendent God who is also very close to us. He acknowledged God as One who fills the entire universe, yet saw the Lord as constantly, pervasively present with us giving us His undivided attention. God was near, observing every act of David, conscious of his every thought.

The realisation that God is with us constantly, observing every act, aware of every thought, may be a concern for some. David however, had a different perspective. We can never hide from God, for even darkness is light to the Lord, and David did not want to be hidden. Only a God to whom darkness is as light, can guide us safely from conception to eternity.

Even more, David realised that God is bending close to express His love, not to catch us in some sinful act. He stays close to guard us, and to guide us into His best. When we sense Him near and realise that what we feel is love, we, with David, will invite Him as in verses 23-24, *"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me, and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there is any offensive way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."*