

HE ENCIRCLES YOU

“Nobody wants to be known, even when he knows that his health and salvation depend on it. There is something within all of us that we wish to hide, something that we wish to remain private... One of the strange facts of human life is the fact that there is within every man an underlying urge to escape God.” Martin Luther King Jr.

1. You will never surprise God. (Omniscient)

LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up; you understand my thoughts from far away. You observe my travels and my rest; you are aware of all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, you know all about it, Lord. You have encircled me; you have placed your hand on me. This wondrous knowledge is beyond me. It is lofty; I am unable to reach it. Psalm 139:1-6

2. You will never be somewhere God is not. (Omnipresent)

Where can I go to escape your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I fly on the wings of the dawn and settle down on the western horizon, even there your hand will lead me; your right hand will hold on to me. If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me, and the light around me will be night” even the darkness is not dark to you. The night shines like the day; darkness and light are alike to you. Psalm 139:7-12

3. You will never be in a situation too big for God. (Omnipotent)

For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began. God, how precious your thoughts are to me; how vast their sum is! If I counted them, they would outnumber the grains of sand; when I wake up, I am still with you. Psalm 139:13-18

Reflection Questions:

When was a time you experienced the closeness of God? Where do you need to be reminded today of His nearness and power in your life?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.