

I. Introduction: Practical theology – God is awesome and He is personal.

II. God knows you. v. 1-6

A. God is omniscient (all-knowing). He. 4:13 Is. 40:27-28 Ps. 33:13-15 1 Sa. 2:3 1 Jo. 3:20

B. He knows everything about you. v. 1-4 Jer. 17:10

- 1. His knowledge of you is personal – He has searched and known you. v. 1,23**
- 2. He knows all of your movements. v. 2a**
- 3. He even understands your inner thoughts. v. 2b Ps. 44:21 Ezek. 11:5 Lu. 16:15**
- 4. He scrutinizes all of your actions. v. 3 Lev. 18:23 19:19 20:11**
- 5. He even knows what you are going to say before you say it. v. 4**

C. Stand amazed at His perfect personal knowledge of you. v. 5-6 Ps. 103:14

- 1. His knowledge of you is comprehensive and caring. v. 5 Mt. 6:32 Ex. 33:22**
- 2. You can't fool God. Isa. 29:15**
- 3. God's knowledge is incomprehensible to us. v. 6 Dt. 29:29 Ro. 11:33-36**

III. God is always with you. v. 7-12

A. God is omnipresent (all-present). Acts 17:27-28 Dt. 4:39 Jer. 23:23-24

- 1. He is distinct from His creation.**
- 2. His immensity is not limited to creation. Is. 66:1 1 Ki. 8:27**

B. There is no place where you can hide from God. v. 7-12 Jer. 23:23-24

- 1. The psalmist is not saying that he wants to flee from God. v. 7 Ps. 104:30 143:10**
- 2. Even at the greatest extremities of human existence you will experience His presence. v. 8-10 Amos 9:2**
- 3. He is equally present in darkness and light. v. 11-12 23:4**

C. His omnipresence is meaningful: He is always present with you. v. 10 Isa. 43:1-5 Heb. 13:5-6 Mt. 28:20 Ps. 34:18 Pr. 15:3

- 1. He is the God who is near.**
- 2. This is bad news for the rebel who thinks he can hide from the Almighty. Jo. 3:19 Prov. 15:3 Rev. 6:16**
- 3. Believers are comforted because we are led by the omnipresent Lord. v. 10, 24 Ps. 92:10 23:3 Is. 58:11 42:11**
- 4. Trust Him. Rom. 8:38-39**

IV. God made you. v. 13-18

A. God is omnipotent (all powerful). Eph. 1:11 Isa. 46:8-11 Jer. 32:27 Ps. 115:3

B. He fashioned you in your mother's womb. v. 13-16

- 1. Human beings do *not* exist as the product of time and chance. Ps. 100:3**
- 2. You are specially formed by God! v. 13-16a Job. 10:11 31:15 Ex. 38:23**
- 3. He has planned the days of your life. v. 16 Ps. 138:8 Jer. 1:1ff 18:2ff Isa. 37:26 46:9-11 Eph. 1:11 2:10 Heb. 9:27 Rom. 8:28**

C. God's omnipotence is meaningful to you! v. 14,17-19

1. Praise God for the glorious way in which He formed you! v. 14 8:3-4 Ecc. 11:5
2. Human life in the womb is under God's special care! v. 13
3. Marvel that almighty God takes thought of you. v. 17-18 Ps. 40:5 Jer. 1:5
Ro. 8:28 Eph. 2:10

V. What is your response to this omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, holy God? v. 19-24

A. Take His side against the wicked. v. 19-22

1. How does this section relate to the rest of the Psalm?
2. Are such imprecations inconsistent with love? v. 19-22 Ex. 20:7
 - a. The psalmist is not seeking personal vengeance. Rom. 12:17-21 13:4
 - b. Instead his zeal is for God's honor – righteous anger, holy hatred.
3. We too are surrounded by God-haters. Isa. 5:20 Ex. 20:7 Rom. 1:30
4. Do you have a holy hatred for evil? v. 21-22 Ps. 69:9 119:113,163,158 Pr. 12:2
2 Cor. 6:14ff 1 Cor. 16:22 1 John 2:15

B. Open yourself to His purifying scrutiny. v. 23-24 Ps. 17:3 19:11-14 Jer. 17:10

1. While the pagan flees from God's holy presence, the believer seeks it. Pr. 17:7
2. Are you passionate to have the evil purged from your own soul?
3. God, Who sees perfectly, can help you. Phil. 1:6 Eph. 5:26-27
4. Seek God's leadership unto everlasting life. v. 24b,10 23:3 Ex. 13:21 Pr. 4:18
5. Is this how you pray?

VI. Concluding Applications.

A. Practical theology – God is always with you.

B. How does this psalm point to Christ?

1. He knows you. v. 1-6 John 10:14
2. He is with you. v. 7-12 Mt. 28:20b Heb. 13:5b
3. He made you physically. v. 13-18 John 1:1ff Col. 1:15-17
4. He gives you a new spiritual birth. John 1:12-13 1 John 5:1 1 Pet. 1:23 Is. 43:1
5. He leads and protects you. v. 10 Ps. 23:2-4
6. He has a holy zeal against evil. v. 19-22 Ps. 69:9 John 2:17 5:27
7. Through Him you are stand in the face of God's scrutiny. v. 23-24 1 Pe. 3:18
8. You are eternally secure in His omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent love. v. 24b
Ro. 8:38-39 Jn. 10:28

Discussion questions

1. What are the practical implications of God's omniscience?
2. What are the practical implications of God's omnipresence?
3. What are the practical implications of God's omnipotence?
4. How does this psalm speak to the issue of abortion?
5. What should our attitude be towards God's enemies?
6. How should we pray concerning the evil that remains in our own hearts? v. 23-24
7. How does this Psalm point to Christ?