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Monday

Psa. 139:3,5-6 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

The love that God has for you is unfathomable. It is beyond measure. It is beyond explanation. David's psalm expresses it in poetry because mere prose cannot contain it. God is your rear guard protecting you. God is your forward scout leading the way. God has His hand upon your life, directing, sustaining, and protecting you. Meditate upon this revelation. Think how small you are and unimportant, yet how important God has made you by taking notice of you personally. Rejoice in His love. Marvel with David at His attention. Praise Him and love Him.

Tuesday

Psa. 139:11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night," Even the darkness is not dark to You, And the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You.

Who has lived long and not cried out to God, "I am overwhelmed?" Who has not felt the darkness of life close in? Wonderfully, God is in the darkness as much as, no more than, in the light of your life. Indeed God often transforms the darkness of our circumstance into the penetrating light of wisdom. Adalbert Stifter wrote, "Pain is a holy angel who shows treasures to men which otherwise remain forever hidden; through him men have become greater than through all joys of the world." God is especially near in darkness; though you may not see Him, He sees you clearly. He knows your place. He walks beside you.

Wednesday

Psa. 139:13&16 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

God has a holy plan for the believer's life. It is not happenstance or circumstance that determine life's outcome, but God who loves you and gave Himself for you. He knew the beginning of your days and has planned the final acts of your drama. He wove you and formed you especially for your part. He has reason for life and purpose in your living. When your part is finished, not before, He will safely usher you home. Celebrate God's gift of life for you today. Know that whatever it holds, in pleasure or trial, God is at work in you and through you. Rejoice.

Thursday

John 10:3-4 "The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice."

Jesus knows you by name and leads you with a shepherd's care. Of all the people in the world, of all the people in the history of the world, Jesus knows you by name! What is more, Jesus never leads you to a place or into circumstance in which He has not already traveled. Rest assured of it. Now focus on hearing His voice. "Oh, Lord that we would be as sheep who recognize our shepherd's voice." Amen

Friday

Psa. 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me...

The knowledge of God's care for us should quickly lead us to submit our lives to His discerning search. His words are a scalpel in the Spirit's hand. Life's circumstances are the ordained place of operation. His surgery, though sometimes feared, is life-giving, healing, sustaining. Let our daily plea contain, "Search me, O God. Try me. See and correct any hurtful way in me."