

Truth In Troubled Times

GOD IS NEAR—HE HEARS AND CARES

Psalm 139:1-18 and other Scriptures

God is near to believers in troubled times, and He hears when we call to Him

LET'S GET STARTED

No one wants to walk alone through troubled times, and thankfully, believers never face hardships apart from God's presence. In this study, we will find comfort and assurance as we are reminded that God is with us in all the times of our lives.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

Psalm 139:1-18—¹ O LORD, you have searched me 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 know it completely, O LORD. ⁵ You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid 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, O 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.

Quotable

I am as sure as I live that nothing is so near to me as God. God is nearer to me than I am to myself; my existence depends on the nearness and the presence of God.

— Meister Eckhart

We need never shout across the spaces to an absent God, He is nearer than our own soul, closer than our most secret thoughts.

—A. W. Tozer

If you would like to know more

You Are Never Alone, by Max Lucado (Thomas Nelson, 2020)

GOD IS NEAR—HE HEARS AND CARES

IS GOD REALLY NEAR US IN TROUBLED TIMES? ABSOLUTELY!

- He is near believers, whether or not we _____ His nearness.

2 Corinthians 5:7—We live by faith, not by sight.

- He hears when you cry out to Him in _____.

Psalm 34:17-18—¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

- God is near, even when _____ and _____ are near.

Psalm 119:150-151—¹⁵⁰ Those who devise wicked schemes are near, but they are far from your law. ¹⁵¹ Yet you are near, O LORD, and all your commands are true.

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put today's truth into practice by living in awareness of God's constant presence with us—in good times and in bad.

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