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Introduction

In Psalm 139, David praises God for his loving provision but prays that God will kill his enemies. How do we square that circle? Today, we will zoom out and explore the big picture. Next week, we will dive into the details.

Psalm 139 Structure

Here's my take on the structure of the Psalm. One way to get to know the Psalm better is to create your own structure. Why not do that and send it to me (malcolm@malcolmcox.org)?

Section 1

vv1-6 : You know me and my situation (therefore, I am protected); v6 reflection

Section 2

vv7-12 : You are always with me (paying attention to my situation and what I need)

Section 3

vv13-18 : You made me (therefore I am secure and I am in awe of you); vv17-18 reflection

Section 4

vv19-22 : You and I are on the same team. You need honouring, and I need protecting.

Coda

Psalm 139 Sense

Do you see the odd break between vv18 & 19? It feels as if two different Psalms have been bolted together. What is going on? Perhaps the key motivation for the Psalm is the struggle in vv19-24. The earlier part of the Psalm is thus an outworking of what the author knows of God that will help him with the struggle in his present conflict.

Question

What is your key struggle at the moment? Where do you need God's help most?

Suggestion

Take the struggle to God in prayer today, but first pray about God's provision, presence and power. Notice what that does for your spiritual confidence when you bring your need to God at the end of the prayer.

Conclusion

Next time, we will begin a more detailed exploration of Psalm 139.

I am planning a spiritual experience day based on Psalm 139 in the spring of 2025. If you'd be interested, please drop me a line: malcolm@malcomcox.org.

Your brother, Malcolm

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