



Teaching Notes: Ray Davis
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"The God You Long For"

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Psalms 139:1-24 "IS EVERYWHERE"

God is closer than you think and is more eager to connect with you than you could ever dream. It's not God but us who needs to show up amid the clutter. The invitation to "taste and see the Lord is good" is for you.

GOD'S PRESENCE IS AN...

Unavoidable Reality

Verses 1-6

- God knows everything about me. (Omniscient) (Matt10:29-30; Ps. 147:4-5)

Verses 7-12

- God is always there for me. (Omnipresent) (Ps.46:1; Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:28)

Verses 13-18

- God is powerfully at work in me. (Omnipotent) (Job 42:2; Luke 1:37)

Unbearable Threat (Ex.3:6; Isa. 6:5; Luke 5:8)

David is feeling...

Stage one: Suffocated vv5-6

Stage Two: Rebellious vv7-8 (Jonah 1:3)

Stage Three: Ambivalent (double minded) vv9-10

Unspeakable Glorious Joy (1Peter 1:8; Ps.16:11)

- God is intimately involved in my life. vv13-14
- God can't take His eyes off of me or stop thinking of me. vv15-18
- My darkest days are bright with Him. Vv11-12 (Ps. 23:4)

Since God is Everywhere, It's Us Who Needs To Show Up!

Verses 19-24

(Ps. 145:18; Pro.4:24, 20:5; Matt.6:21; Luke 6:43-45)

Find Your Red Dot (You Are Here):

- ✓ Search me
- ✓ Test me
- ✓ Lead me



Growing

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- 1)** God is closer than you think and is more eager to connect with you than you could ever dream. It's not God but us who needs to show up amid the clutter. Explain. How does it make you feel that the invitation to "taste and see the Lord is good" is for you (Ps34:8)?
- 2)** Read Psalm 139:1-18. What does it mean that God is Omniscient (vv1-6; Matt10:29-30; Ps. 147:4-5), Omnipresent (vv7-12; Ps.46:1; Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:28) & Omnipotent (vv13-18; Job 42:2; Luke 1:37)? What does it mean that God's presence is an unavoidable reality?
- 3)** David is not just a theologian giving details about attributes of God but a poet about how these attributes affect him. What are the three stages David goes through in dealing with these attributes of God? Have you ever had these same feelings? Explain.
- 4)** Once David works though the unavoidable reality & the unbearable threat of God's presence He comes to unspeakable glorious joy. What is unspeakable glorious joy (1Pet.1:8; Ps.16:11)? Why would knowing God is intimately involved in your life (vv13-14), can't take His eyes or thoughts off of you (vv15-18) and can brighten the darkest of your days (vv11-12) give you unspeakable glorious joy?
- 5)** If God is everywhere than it's us who needs to show up. Explain. Do you think verses 19-22 are feel out of place in this text? David seems to be trying to find His red dot (You Are Here). God will only meet us where we are & not where we pretend to be. What does that mean why is that important to recognizing & experiencing God? Pray the three steps of vv23-24.