

PSALM 139 - Istanbul - 2

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re - veals to you my hopes and — yearn - ings.
you are a - ware of my in - ten - tions.
so deep that I can - not ex - plain it.
you would not leave me un - at - tend - ed.
and with your right hand hold and — guide me.

6. If I say, "Let the gloom of night surround me, keep me from your sight," then darkness is not dark to you; it will not hide me from your view. With you the night is never lightless; before your eyes the dark is brightness.

7. O LORD, you formed my inward parts – my inmost self, my mind and heart. You shaped them in my mother's womb, wove them together on your loom. With awe, with reverent admiration, I praise your wonderful creation.

8. O LORD, you know me through and through; my frame was not concealed from you when I in utmost secrecy was knit and braided skilfully. You know how I in safe seclusion was made with delicate precision.

9. You, LORD, when I was yet unborn, beheld my undeveloped form, and long before my life began you in your book decreed its span; you then recorded on its pages your plan for me in all its stages.

10. How precious are your thoughts to me! How vast the sum of them must be. I try to count them – they are more than all the sand upon the shore. O God, when I from sleep awaken, I am still with you, not forsaken.

11. O God, if only you would slay all those who go their wicked way. O let them all from me depart, those men of blood and evil heart. They strive against you in their scheming; your holy name they keep blaspheming.

12. Do I not hate those who hate you, those who their wickedness pursue? O LORD, all who against you rise I as my enemies despise. May woes and misery await them. I with a perfect hatred hate them!

13. Search me, O God, and know my heart; see if I from your ways depart. LORD, probe my every anxious thought and let me by your word be taught. Help me walk on where you are leading, in everlasting ways proceeding.