



You Can't Get Away

Psalm 139

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Psalm 139:1-6 (NIV)

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. You hem me in-- behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

God knows everything about you. 1-6 (Quit pretending.)

Apply: The omniscience of God should do two things in your life:

- 1) Cause you to quit pretending and come clean, and,
- 2) Cause you to call out to him, knowing that he understands your situation, signature sins, and brokenness—yet he still loves you enough to receive you.

God Is with you constantly. 7-12 (Quit running.)

Psalm 139:7-12

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...

God ordained your birth, death, and opportunities. (13-16)

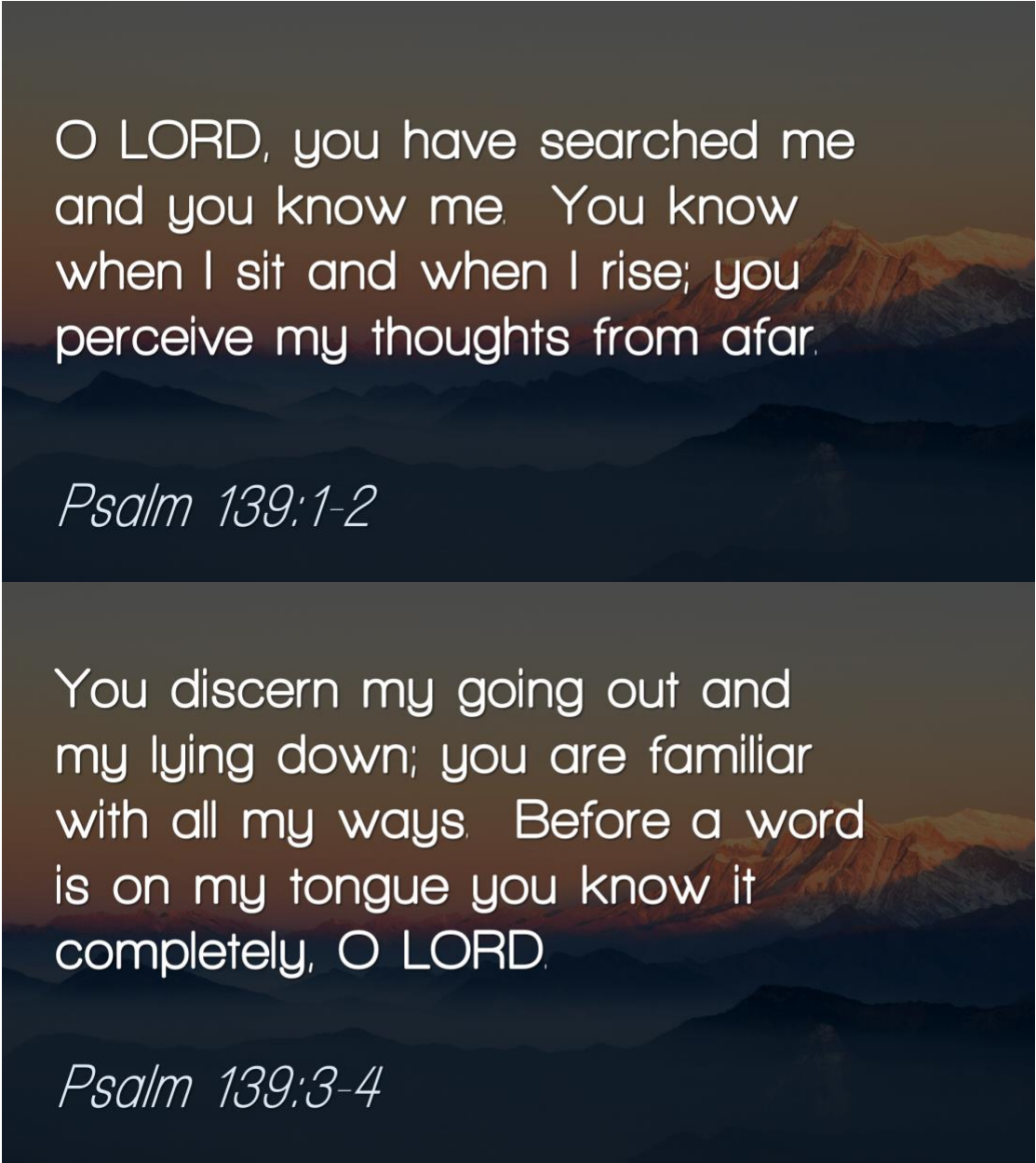
(Quit worrying.)

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...

God is the Sovereign Avenger. (19-24) (Quit scheming.)

19 If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men! 20 They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name...

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

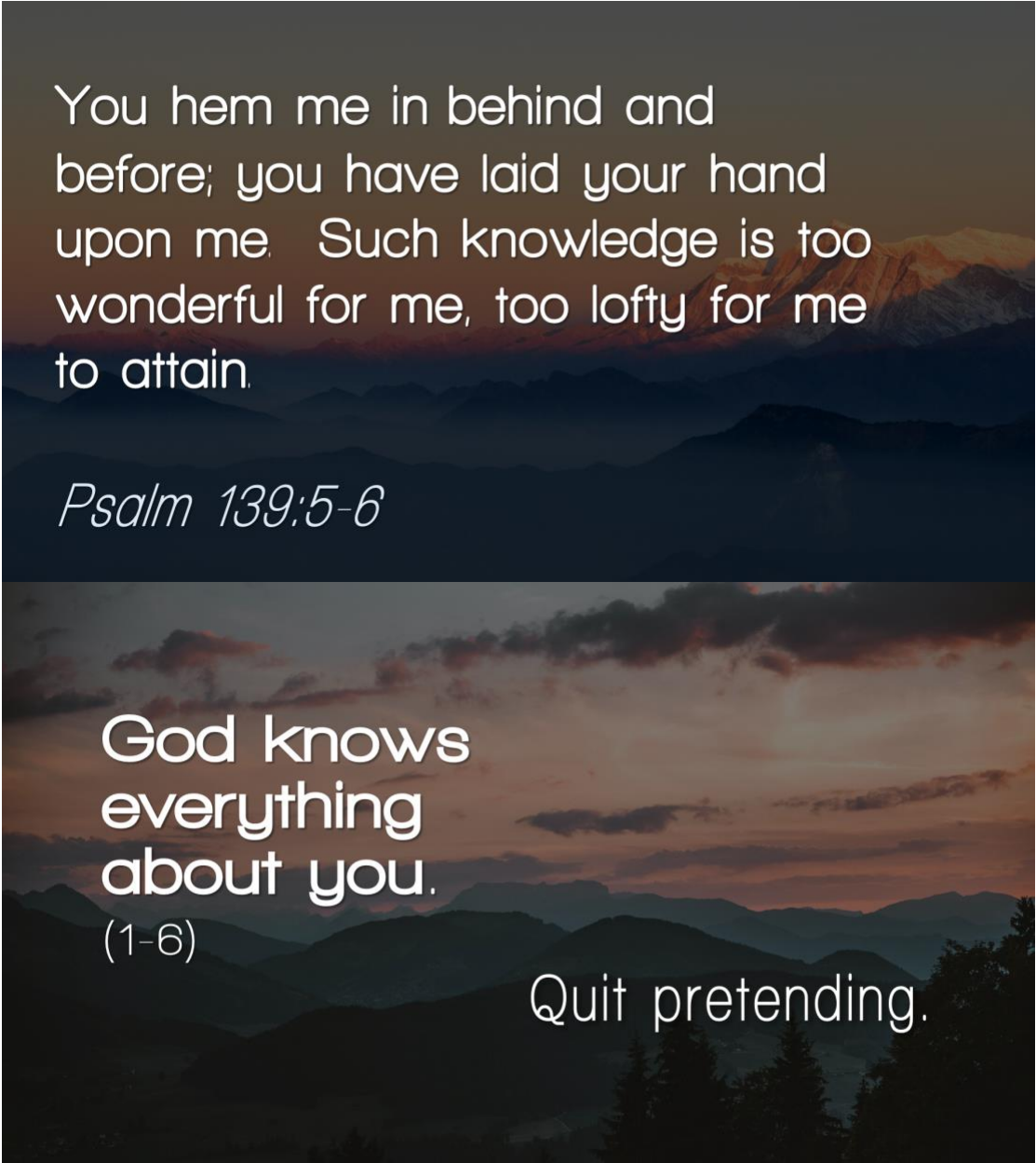


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Psalm 139:1-2

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Psalm 139:3-4



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Psalm 139:5-6

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(1-6)

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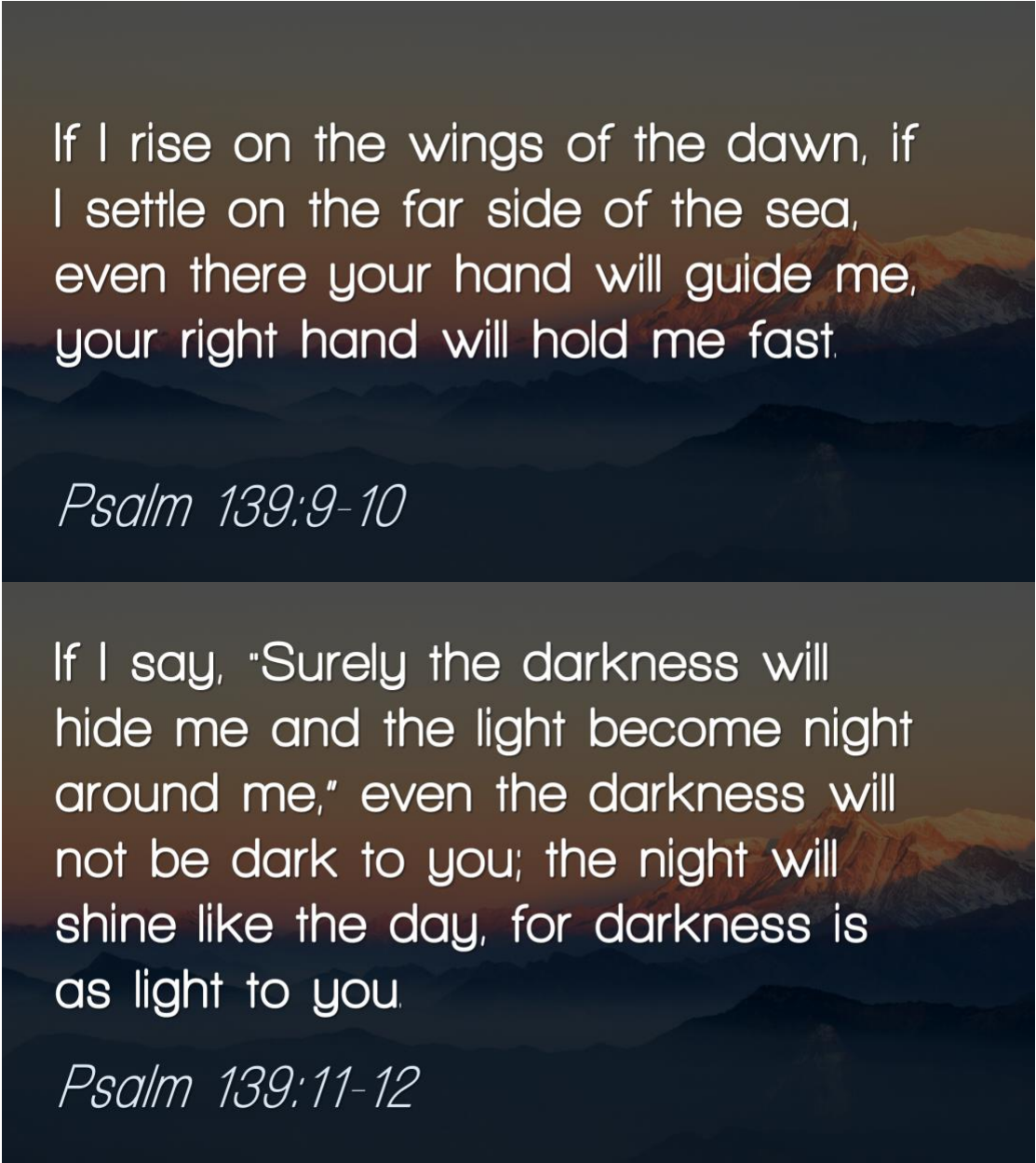
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Psalms 139:7-8



If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if
I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

Psalms 139:9-10

If I say, "Surely the darkness will
hide me and the light become night
around me," even the darkness will
not be dark to you; the night will
shine like the day, for darkness is
as light to you.

Psalms 139:11-12



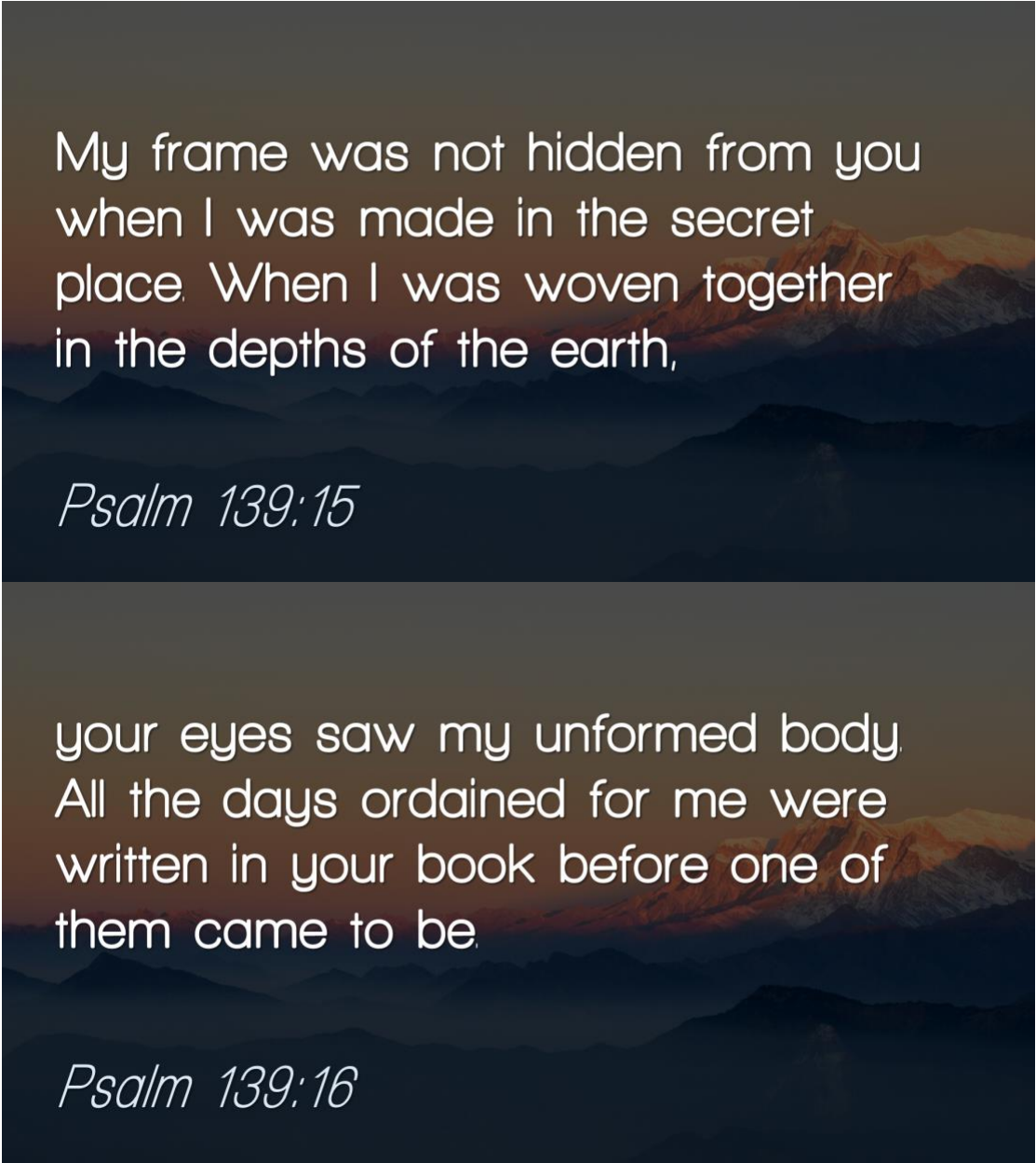
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Psalms 139:13-14



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,

Psalms 139:15

your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me were
written in your book before one of
them came to be.

Psalms 139:16



The background of the entire image is a photograph of a mountain range at dusk or dawn. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a warm orange and red glow from the setting or rising sun visible between the mountain ridges. The mountains themselves are silhouetted against the lighter sky, creating a sense of depth and scale. The overall mood is somber yet hopeful, reflecting the themes of the text.

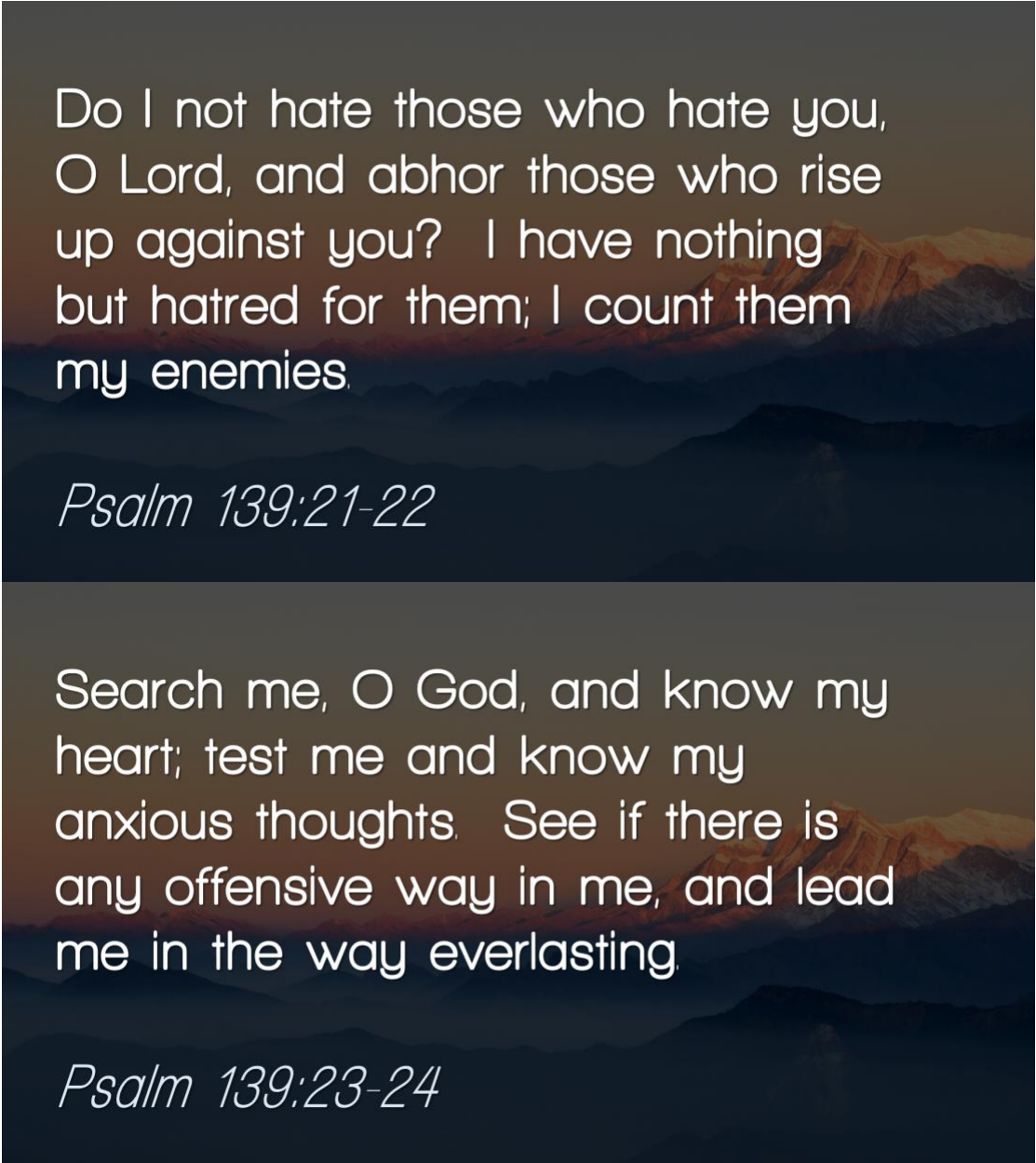
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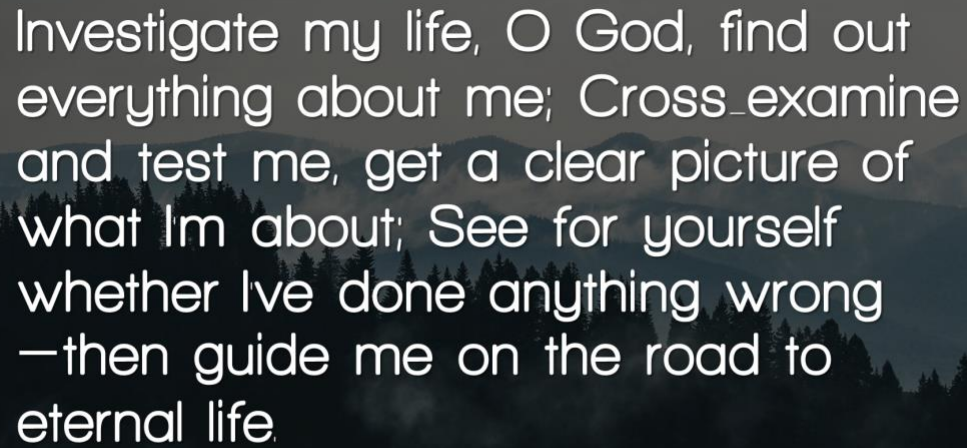


Do I not hate those who hate you,
O Lord, and abhor those who rise
up against you? I have nothing
but hatred for them; I count them
my enemies.

Psalms 139:21-22

Search me, O God, and know my
heart; test me and know my
anxious thoughts. See if there is
any offensive way in me, and lead
me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 139:23-24



Investigate my life, O God, find out
everything about me; Cross-examine
and test me, get a clear picture of
what I'm about; See for yourself
whether I've done anything wrong
—then guide me on the road to
eternal life.

Psalms 139:23-24 (The Message)