

## **A Study of the Wisdom Literature (OT Survey Lesson 270—Psalms 139-140)**

**Introduction:** In Psalm 139 we see David's awe of God in the all-inclusiveness of His knowledge, His presence, His power and His holiness. Psalm 140 is another of many appeals by David to God for deliverance from his enemies.

**Lesson aim:** To seek to understand the true greatness of God

### **A psalm praising the omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, and “omni-holiness”—Psalm 139:1-24**

1. What did David affirm that God does? (v. 1-3) What characteristic of God is he describing?
2. How did David describe God's ability to know our thoughts? (v. 4) What is point of v. 5?
3. How did David feel about his thoughts concerning God? (v. 6)
4. What feature of God is described in v. 7-12? How did David communicate this characteristic?
5. Is it possible for man to avoid God by cover of darkness? (v. 11-12)
6. The psalmist affirms that God had knowledge of him even when? (v. 13) What did this prompt him to do? (v. 14)
7. How did David indicate God's involvement in the formation of his body? (v. 15) How did he set forth God's purpose for the person He has created? (v. 16)
8. How did David respond to the vast thoughts of God? (v. 17-18)
9. Finally, David is reminded of what other feature of God? (v. 19-24) What did he long for God to do to the wicked? (v. 19) How did David describe them? (v. 20)

10. How did David describe his innocence in mistreating others? (v. 21) His righteous indignation toward the wicked? (v. 22)
11. David appealed to God to use His omniscience for what purpose? (v. 23-24)

### **A psalm seeking protection from the wicked—Psalm 140:1-13**

1. With what prayer did David begin this psalm? (v. 1) How did he describe the wicked? (v. 2-3)
2. What else did David plead with God to do? (v. 4) How did he describe the activities of the wicked? (v. 5)
3. How did David describe the Lord? (v. 6-7) What did he ask God to do? (v. 8)
4. What imprecations did David make concerning the wicked? (v. 9-11)
5. What confidence did David express about the Lord? (v. 12) How would the righteous respond? (v. 13)