

sermon notes

September 6, 2026 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church
"Magnify My Maker (Part 1)" | Psalm 139 1:1–12

Four Reasons to Magnify Your Maker:

1. His _____ (139:1–4)
2. His _____ (139:5–6)
3. His _____ (139:7–10)
4. His _____ (139:11–12)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Psalm 139 slowly and thoughtfully in at least two English translations. Summarize this psalm in four words or fewer (i.e., what title would you give to this psalm?). Summarize this psalm in a short sentence or two. How would you categorize this psalm? Is it a praise psalm or a lament? Is it a prayer? Is it a song?

How does David feel about God's total knowledge of him in verses 1–8? Does David wish to be separated from the presence of God? Do you find these statements about God's omniscience and omnipresence comforting or discomfoting (or both)? Explain why.

What does David mean in verse 12 when he says, "darkness is not dark to you" and "darkness is as light with you"? How does God transform darkness into light? How does this correlate with Jesus's statement in the NT: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12)? How does Jesus turn our darkness into light? How does he subsequently make us "the light of the world" (Matt 5:14–16)?

GET PERSONAL

In what ways do people try to escape from God? Is it possible for us to do that? What are some reasons why a person might want to get away from God? Why is it a good thing that we cannot escape from God's presence?

In verse 6, David says, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it." What "knowledge" is he referring to? Why is this knowledge too wonderful for him? What aspects of God's character are we unable to understand? Is it a good thing or a bad thing that we can't fully "attain" the knowledge of God? Why or why not?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

The attributes of God are described as both incommunicable (demonstrated only by God) and communicable (demonstrated by God and humanity). Which attributes of God are communicable? Which attributes are incommunicable? Why is it important that we, as Christians, demonstrate God's communicable attributes? How are you doing that right now?

ADVANCED QUESTION

What are the five books of the Psalter? How is the Book of Psalms structured? For help with these questions, access the following sermon and introduction to the Psalms entitled, "Why Delight in God's Torah?":
<https://www.messiahbible.org/psalm-1-1-6-why-delight-in-god-s-torah-blessing-security>