

The Searching God

Scripture Reading — Psalm 139:1-12

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? — Psalm 139:7

Yelena, a godly grandmother from Ukraine, had joyful news to share in her letter to us. Her grandson had become a Christian! He used to be the village drunk, and his relatives thought he would end up in jail. But then he read the Bible we had mailed to him, and he started attending a local church. The gospel had dramatically changed him.

Yelena calls it a true miracle. The neighbors still can't believe that her grandson now welcomes large groups of people to his house—and not for a drink but for a Bible study! Yelena and her Christian friends cannot stop giving thanks to the Lord for the abrupt change in the life of this young man.

In Psalm 139 we read about the searching and knowing God. We are assured that his love goes far beyond human circumstances. God knows our heart perfectly and cares about our deepest needs. He sends his Holy Spirit to bring us salvation, even as we stray from him or go through difficult and unfamiliar terrain.

When we are hurt, when our situation looks bleak, when we are haunted by dark, anxious thoughts, we must remember that we are not alone. Our loving and caring God is always near and is able to help.

Turn to him, and he will lead you in the way everlasting!

Prayer

Father, we thank you for being a searching God. In your love for us, you found and saved us in Christ. Now help us to walk with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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