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THE GOD WHO IS HERE STUDY QUESTIONS

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Scripture: Psalm 139

Question 1: What are the implications for us when we assert and affirm “God is here?”

Question 2: How can God be both Infinite and Intimate? Discuss the doctrines of transcendence and immanence.

Question 3: What is fatalism? Are you ever tempted to believe in fatalism?

Question 4: Discuss the testimonies of history to God’s intimate loving presence. Creation, Abraham, Moses, the Jews, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, the Church.

Question 5: How does Psalm 139 influence your beliefs? Discuss.

¹ O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

² You know when I sit down or stand up You know my thoughts even when I’m far away.

³ You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

⁴ You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD.

⁵ You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

⁷ I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.

⁹ If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.

¹¹ I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—

¹² but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you.

¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day

had passed.

¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

¹⁸ I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

¹⁹ O God, if only you would destroy the wicked! Get out of my life, you murderers!

²⁰ They blaspheme you; your enemies misuse your name.

²¹ O LORD, shouldn’t I hate those who hate you? Shouldn’t I despise those who oppose you?

²² Yes, I hate them with total hatred, for your enemies are my enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

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