



Rejected By Others But Accepted By God
Psalm 139

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. I have discovered that I can go through the rejection of others if I am accepted by the **ONE** who matters most to me.
- B. Emotional health is based upon **doing** our way into feeling instead of feeling our way into doing.
- C. Learning to do the right thing even when it goes against all your **feelings** will always lead you in the right direction plus it will deepen you and make you stronger.

II. GOD ALREADY KNOWS **EVERYTHING** ABOUT ME. (OMNISCIENT)

- A. *Psalm 139:1-6 O LORD, You have searched me and You know me. ² You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. ⁵ You hem me in--behind and before; You have laid Your Hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. (NIV)*
- B. Omniscience literally means “all **knowing**.” God knows everything about everything and everyone all of the time.
- C. God is an expert on **you**.
- D. *Psalm 139:1 Oh LORD You have **searched** me and known me.*

E. *Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor **anything** else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)*

III. GOD IS ALWAYS **WITH** ME. (OMNIPRESENCE)

A. *Psalm 139:7-9; 11-12 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, 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. (NLT)*

B. David realizes that God being everywhere all the time is actually not a bad thing but a **good** thing.

*Psalm 139:10 Even there Your Hand will **guide** me, Your Right Hand will hold me fast.*

C. Because God actually wants my good – not being able to get away from His Presence is an amazingly **wonderful** thing. No matter where I am or what mess I'm facing, God, Your Hand will guide me. Your right hand will support me!

IV. GOD **CREATED** ME. (OMNIPOTENCE)

A. God can and will do anything as long as it does not contradict His **Word** or His character.

B. *Hebrews 6:18 ...it is impossible for God to lie...(NIV)*

James 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; (NIV)

C. God **cannot** do anything that is inconsistent with His Word or His Character.

D. *Psalm 139:13-16 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.*

1. The whole purpose of this life is to get ready for the **next** one. Part of getting ready is learning how to overcome.

2. "We choose to go to the moon...and do the other things... not because they are easy but because they are hard, because that will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills..." (President John F. Kennedy)

E. *Psalm 139:13-16* 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.

Psalm 139:16 You saw me before I was born...

F. *Psalm 139:17-18* How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand....

V. GOD **ACCEPTS** ME IN CHRIST. (REDEMPTION)

A. God knows me. God is with me. God made me. All of that matters because God **accepts** me in Christ.

B. *Romans 15:7* Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (NIV)

C. *Ephesians 1:5-6* ...having predestined us to adoption as sons (and daughters) by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of God's grace, by which He has made us **accepted** in the Beloved (Jesus). (NKJV)

D. We are **already** accepted by God.

E. God has accepted us not on the basis of what we have done but on the basis of what Christ has **already** done FOR us on the cross.

Actions Steps I will take this week are ...

1. After this service I will go to the Next Step Center and talk with a minister about how to accept Christ as my Savior.
2. Though God doesn't accept my sinful choices, if I have accepted Christ as my savior, He does accept me as a person. This week I will live in the confidence of God's acceptance of me.
3. Since God knows me, is with me, has created me and accepts me in my relationship with Jesus, I will accept myself, just like He made me.

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Notes:

A series of 32 horizontal lines for writing.