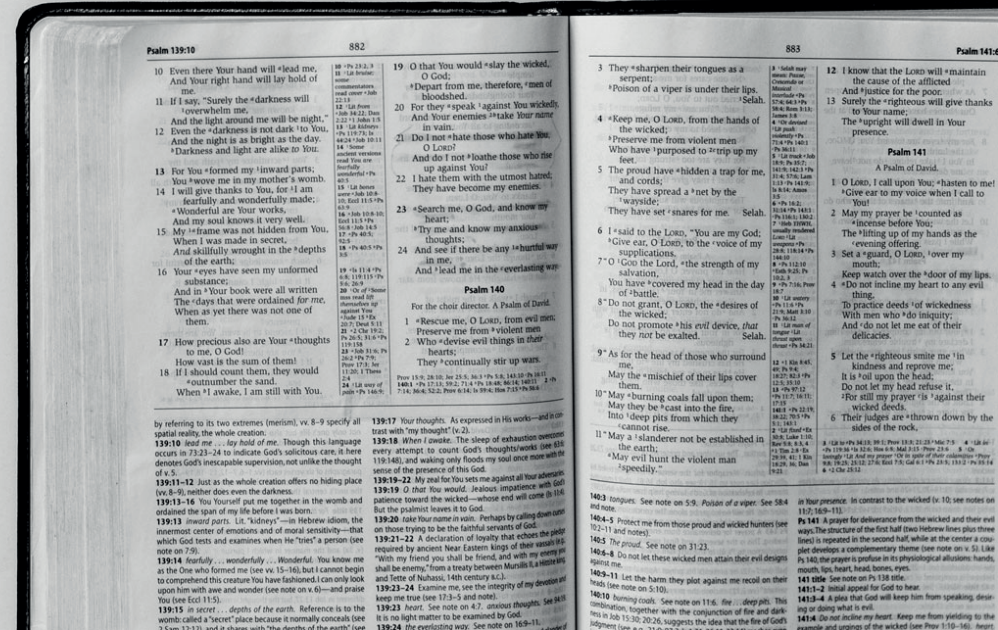


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Psalms 139-140

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10 Even there Your hand will lead me,  
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.  
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will  
overwhelm me,  
And the light around me will be night,"  
12 Even the darkness is not dark to You,  
And the night is as bright as the day.  
"Darkness and light are alike to You."  
13 For You formed my inward parts,  
You wove me in my mother's womb.  
14 I will give thanks to You, for I am  
fearfully and wonderfully made;  
"Wonderful are Your works,  
And my soul knows it very well."  
15 My frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
And skillfully wrought in the depths  
of the earth.  
16 Your eyes have seen my unformed  
substance;  
And in Your book were all written  
the days that were ordained for me,  
When as yet there was not one of them.  
17 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  
outnumber the sand.  
When I awake, I am still with You.

139-17 Your thoughts. As expressed in His works—and in contrast with "my thoughts" (v. 2).  
139-18 When I awake. The sleep of exhaustion overcomes every attempt to count God's thoughts/works (see 139:14-16), and waking only floods my soul once more with the reality of the presence of this God.

139-19-22 My soul for You sets me against all Your adversaries, patience toward the wicked—whose end will come (v. 14), but the psalmist leaves it to God.

139-23 Take Your name in vain. Perhaps by calling down upon those trying to be the faithful servants of God.

139-21-22 A declaration of loyalty that echoes the pledge required by ancient Near Eastern kings of their vassals (139:21-22). "With my friend you shall be friend, and with my enemy you shall be enemy." (From a treaty between Marutai I and Assur, 13th century B.C.)

139-23 heart. See note on 4:7, anxious thoughts. See 139:23-24. The psalmist's heart is so full of God's thoughts that it is no light matter to be examined by God.

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19 O that You would "slay the wicked," O God;  
"Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed."  
20 For they speak against You wickedly,  
And Your enemies take Your name in vain.  
21 Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?  
22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;  
They have become my enemies.  
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
"Try me and know my anxious thoughts."  
24 And see if there be any "hurtful" in me,  
And lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalms 140

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.  
1 "Rescue me, O Lord, from evil men;  
Preserve me from violent men."  
2 Who "desire evil things in their hearts."  
They continually stir up wars.

140-3 They sharpen their tongues as a serpent; "Poison of a viper is under their lips." Selah.

140-4 "Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;  
"Preserve me from violent men  
Who have "purposed to trip up my feet."  
140-5 The proud have "hidden a trap for me, and cords."  
They have spread a "net by the wayside."  
140-6 I said to the Lord, "You are my God;  
"Give ear, O Lord, to the voice of my supplications."  
140-7 "Glorify the Lord, "the strength of my salvation,  
You have "covered my head in the day of battle."  
140-8 Do not grant, O Lord, the desires of the wicked;  
Do not promote his evil device, that they not be exalted. Selah.

140-9 As for the head of those who surround me,  
May the "mischief of their lips cover them."  
140-10 May burning coals fall upon them;  
May they be "cast into the fire,  
Into deep pits from which they cannot rise."  
140-11 Let the harm they plot against me recoil on their heads (see note on 140:10).

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by referring to its two extremes (merits), vs. 8-9 specify all  
spatial reality, the whole creation.  
139:10 lead me... lay hold of me. Though this language  
occurs in 71:23-24 to indicate God's solicitous care, it here  
denotes God's inescapable supervision, not unlike the thought  
of vs. 5.  
139:11-12 Just as the whole creation offers no hiding place  
(vs. 8-9), neither does even the darkness.  
139:13-16 You Yourself put me together in the womb and  
ordained the span of my life before I was born.  
139:17 inward parts. Lit. "kidneys"—in Hebrew idiom, the  
innermost center of emotions and of moral sensitivity, that  
which God tests and examines when He "tries" a person (see  
note on vs. 7).  
139:18 fearfully... wonderfully. You know me as the One  
who formed me (see vs. 15-16), but I cannot begin to  
comprehend this creature You have fashioned. I can only look  
upon him with awe and wonder (see note on vs. 6)—and praise  
You (see note on vs. 11).  
139:19 in secret... depths of the earth. Reference is to the  
womb—called a "secret" place because it normally conceals (see  
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139:23-24 Examine me, see the integrity of my devotion and  
keep me true (see vs. 17-18 and note).  
139:25 heart. See note on 4:7, anxious thoughts. See also  
139:26 the persisting verb. See note on 16:9-11.

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5 The proud have "hidden a trap for me,  
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They have spread a "net by the  
"wayside.  
6 "Search me, O Lord, and know my  
heart;  
"Try me and know my anxious  
thoughts;  
7 "O God the Lord, "the strength of my  
salvation,  
You have "covered my head in the day  
of "battle.  
8 "Do not grant, O Lord, the "desires of  
the wicked;  
Do not promote his evil device, that  
they not be exalted. Selah.  
9 "As for the head of those who surround  
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May the "mischief of their lips cover  
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"evening offering.  
3 Set a "guard, O Lord, "over my  
mouth.  
4 "Do not keep watch over the "door of my lips.  
5 "Do not incline my heart to any  
evil  
thing.  
6 "Do not let my mouth be filled with  
"wickedness  
With men who "do inquiry.  
And "do not let me eat of their  
delicacies.  
7 Let the "righteous smite me in  
kindness and reprove me;  
It is "fuel upon the head,  
Do not let my head refuse it.  
8 "For still my prayer is "against their  
wicked deeds.  
9 Their judges are "thrown down by the  
sides of the rock.  
10 "As for the wicked, let them be  
"like the chaff of the threshing floor.  
11 "Like the chaff, let them be  
"blown away by the wind.  
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Psalms 139:10

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10 Even there Your hand will lead me,  
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.  
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will  
overwhelm me,  
And the light around me will be night,"  
12 Even the darkness is not dark to You,  
And the night is as bright as the day.  
"Darkness and light are alike to You."  
13 For You formed my inward parts,  
You wove me in my mother's womb.  
14 I will give thanks to You, for I am  
fearfully and wonderfully made;  
"Wonderful are Your works,  
And my soul knows it very well."  
15 My frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
And skillfully wrought in the depths  
of the earth.  
16 Your eyes have seen my unformed  
substance;  
And in Your book were all written  
The days that were ordained for me,  
When as yet there was not one of them.  
17 How precious also are Your thoughts  
to me, O God!  
18 How vast is the sum of them!  
19 If I should count them, they would  
outnumber the sand.  
When I awake, I am still with You.

by referring to two extremes (merits), vs. 8-9 specify all spatial reality, the whole creation.  
139:10 lead me... lay hold of me. Though this language occurs in 71:23-24 to indicate God's solicitude care, it here denotes God's inescapable supervision, not unlike the thought of Ps. 139:12.

139:11-12 Just as the whole creation offers no hiding place (vs. 8-9), neither does even the darkness.  
139:11-12 You Yourself put me together in the womb and ordained the span of my life before I was born.

139:13 inward parts. Lit. "kidneys"—in Hebrew idiom, innermost center of emotions and of moral sensitivity, to which God tests and examines when He "tries" a person (see note on 7:9).

139:14 fearfully... wonderfully... You know me as the One who formed me (see vs. 15-16), but I cannot begin to comprehend this creature You have fashioned. I can only look upon him with awe and wonder (see note on 6:1)—and praise You (see 115).

19 O that You would "slay the wicked," O God;  
"Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed."  
20 For they speak against You wickedly,  
And Your enemies take Your name in vain.  
21 Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?  
22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;  
They have become my enemies.  
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
"Try me and know my anxious thoughts."  
24 And see if there be any "hurtful way" in me,  
And I lead me in the everlasting way.

139:17 Your thoughts. As expressed in His works—and in contrast with "my thought" (v. 2).  
139:18 Where I dwell. The sleep of exhaustion overcomes every attempt to count God's thoughts/works (see 139:140), and waking only finds my soul once more under the watch of the presence of this God.

139:19-22 My zeal for You sets me against all Your adversaries.  
139:19 O that You would. Jealous impatience with God's patience toward the wicked—whose end will come in 139:20, but the psalmist leaves it to God.

139:20 take Your name in vain. Perhaps by calling down curses on those trying to be the faithful servants of God.  
139:21-22 A declaration of loyalty that echoes the psalmist's own words (see 139:140).

139:23-24 Examine me, see the integrity of my devotion and keep me true (see 173:3-5 and note).  
139:23 heart. See note on 4:7, anxious thoughts. See 140:3.

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140:3 tongues. See note on 5:9. Poison of a viper. See 58:4 and note.  
140:4 I project me from those proud and wicked hunters (see 102:1-11 and note).

140:5 the proud. See note on 31:23.  
140:6 Do not let these wicked men attain their evil designs against me.

140:9-11 Let the harm they plot against me recoil on their heads (see note on 5:10).  
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141:2 Initial appeal for God to hear.

141:3-4 A plea that God will keep him from speaking deceit or doing what is evil.  
141:4 Do not incline my heart. Keep me from yielding to the







## Hvem, hvad, hvor?

Nordvestkirkens LMU (Luthersk Missions Unge) er et kristent fællesskab, der samles omkring det at tro på JESUS - hvad indebærer det at tro, hvilke konsekvenser har det for mit liv, og hvordan kommer jeg ind i et stærkere fællesskab med ham?

Du kan læse mere om LMU på [www.lmu.dk](http://www.lmu.dk)

Hvis intet andet er nævnt, samles vi hver torsdag kl. 19.30 i Nordvestkirken, Rentemestervej 109, 2400 Kbh NV.

Vi har fællesspisning kl. 18.15 ca. 1 gang om måneden - her betaler man et mindre beløb for at spise med.

Tilmeld dig vores facebook-gruppe Nordvestkirkens LMU og få opdateringer og info om kommende arrangementer og andet.

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LMU'en hører under Nordvestkirken, som holder gudstjeneste på samme adresse. Du kan læse mere om kirken og se programmet på [www.nordvestkirken.dk](http://www.nordvestkirken.dk).

## Smågruppedokument

I smågruppedokumentet, som findes på Nordvestkirkens LMU's facebookgruppe, findes vejledning, hjælp og vigtig information til smågrupperne. Det forventes, at lederen af smågruppen har sat sig godt ind i dokumentet og deler sin viden med resten af gruppen.

## CrossMeeting

CrossMeeting er et fællesarrangement for ELU og LMU i København. Programmet varierer, men indebærer ofte bibelundervisning og aktiviteter, der styrker fællesskabet på tværs af de forskellige foreninger.

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## Sjælesorg

Har du brug for en samtale med en ældre person omkring nogle af livets store spørgsmål eller mere personlige emner, har du mulighed for dette med en af sjælesørgerne fra Nordvestkirken. Skriv til [mr@nordvestkirken.dk](mailto:mr@nordvestkirken.dk) med nogle få ord om dig selv og din situation; så vil du efterfølgende blive kontaktet.

Psalms 139:10

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10 Even there Your hand will "lead me,  
And Your right hand will lay hold of  
me.  
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will  
"overwhelm me,  
And the light around me will be night,  
12 Even the darkness is not dark to You,  
And the night is as bright as the day.  
"Darkness and light are alike to You.  
13 For You "formed my inward parts;  
You "wove me in my mother's womb.  
14 I will give thanks to You, for I am  
"fearfully and wonderfully made;  
"Wonderful are Your works,  
And my soul knows it very well.  
15 My "frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
And skillfully wrought in the "depths  
of the earth.  
16 Your "eyes have seen my unformed  
substance;  
And in "Your book were all written  
The days that were ordained for me,  
When as yet there was not one of  
them.  
17 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  
"outnumber the sand.  
When I awake, I am still with You.

by referring to his two extremes (merits), vs. 8-9 specify all  
spatial reality, the whole creation.  
139:10 lead me... lay hold of me. Though this language  
occurs in 71:23-24 to indicate God's solicitude care, it here  
denotes God's inescapable supervision, not unlike the thought  
of vs. 5.  
139:11-12 Just as the whole creation offers no hiding place  
(vs. 8-9), neither does even the darkness.  
139:13-14 You Yourself put me together in the womb and  
ordained the span of my life before I was born.  
139:15 inward parts. Lit. "kidneys"—in Hebrew idiom, the  
innermost center of emotions and of moral sensibility—that  
which God tests and examines when He "tries" a person (see  
note on vs. 7).  
139:14 fearfully... wonderfully... Wonderful. You know me  
as the One who formed me (see vs. 15-16), but I cannot begin  
to comprehend this creature You have fashioned. Can only look  
upon him with awe and wonder (see note on vs. 6)—and praise  
You (see Eccl 1:5).  
139:15 in secret... depths of the earth. Reference is to the  
womb: called a "secret" place because it normally conceals (see  
Gen 1:2-3) and is above with "the depths of the earth" (see  
Eccl 1:5).

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19 O that You would "slay the wicked,  
O God!  
"Depart from me, therefore, "men of  
bloodshed.  
20 For they "repay against You wickedly,  
And Your enemies "take Your name  
in vain.  
21 Do I not "hate those who hate You,  
O Lord?  
And do I not "loathe those who rise  
up against You?  
22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;  
They have become my enemies.  
23 "Search me, O God, and know my  
heart:  
"Try me and know my anxious  
thoughts:  
24 And see if there be any "wickedness  
in me,  
And "lead me in the "everlasting way.  
Psalms 140  
For the choir director. A Psalm of David.  
1 "Rescue me, O Lord, from evil men;  
Preserve me from "violent men.  
2 "Who "devise evil things in their  
hearts;  
They "continually stir up wars.  
3 They "sharpen their tongues as a  
serpent;  
"Poison of a viper is under their lips.  
4 "Keep watch, O Lord, from the hands of  
the wicked;  
Do not let them "prevail upon the  
righteous.  
5 "Do not grant, O Lord, the "desires of  
the wicked;  
Do not promote his evil device, that  
they not be exalted.  
6 "As for the head of those who surround  
me,  
May the "mischief of their lips cover  
them.  
7 "May burning coals fall upon their  
heads,  
Into deep pits from which they  
cannot rise.  
8 "May a slanderer not be established  
in the earth;  
"May evil hunt the violent man  
"speedily.

139:17 Your thoughts. As expressed in His works—and in con-  
tact with "my thoughts" (vs. 2).  
139:18 When I awake. The sleep of exhaustion overcomes  
every attempt to count God's thoughts/works (see Eccl  
1:9-10), and waking only finds my soul once more with the  
sense of the greatness of this God.  
139:19-22 My soul for you sets me against all Your adversaries,  
139:19-20 that Your would. Jealous impatience with God's  
patience toward the wicked—whose end will come to 139:24.  
But the psalmist leaves it to God.  
139:20 take Your name in vain. Perhaps by calling down upon  
on those trying to be the faithful servants of God.  
139:21-22 A declaration of loyalty that echoes the  
required by ancient Near Eastern kings of their vassals (see  
Eccl 1:9-10).  
139:23-24 Examine me, see the integrity of my devotion and  
keep me true (see 17:3-5 and note).  
139:23 heart. See note on 4:7, anxious thoughts. See Eccl  
1:9-10.  
139:24 the persecuting way. See note on 16:1-11.

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140:3 tongues. In contrast to the wicked vs. 10, see notes on  
11:7, 16:9-11.  
140:4-5 Project me from those proud and wicked hunters (see  
102:11) and...  
140:6 The proof. See note on 31:23.  
140:6-8 Do not let these wicked men attain their evil designs  
against me.  
140:9-11 Let the harm they plot against me recoil on their  
heads (see note on 5:10).  
140:10 hunting coals. See note on 11:6, fire... deep pits.  
This combination, together with the conjunction of fire and dark-  
ness (vs. 13-15; 20:26), suggests the idea that the fire of God's  
judgment (see Eccl 1:9-10) will consume the wicked.

Psalms 141

12 I know that the Lord will "maintain  
the cause of the afflicted  
And justice for the poor.  
13 Surely the "righteous will give thanks  
to Your name.  
The "upright will dwell in Your  
presence.  
Psalms 141  
A Psalm of David.  
1 O Lord, I call upon You; "hasten to me!  
"Give ear to my voice when I call to  
You.  
2 May my prayer be "counted as  
"incense before You;  
The "lifting up of my hands as the  
"evening offering.  
3 Set a "guard, O Lord, "over my  
mouth.  
4 "Do not watch over the "door of my lips.  
5 "Do not incline my heart to any  
evil  
thing.  
6 "Do not let my tongue  
be "wickedness  
With men who "do inquiry;  
And "do not let me eat of their  
delicacies.  
7 Let the "righteous smite me "in  
kindness and reprove me;  
It is "not upon the head,  
"Do not let my head refuse it,  
"For still my prayer is "against their  
wicked deeds.  
8 The judges are "thrown down by the  
sides of the rock.

141:12-13 In contrast to the wicked vs. 10, see notes on  
11:7, 16:9-11.  
141:14 A prayer for deliverance from the wicked and their evil  
ways. The first half of the first two Hebrew lines plus three  
lines is repeated in the second half, while at the center a cou-  
plet develops a complementary theme (see note on 5:1, LXX  
Ps 140, the prayer is profuse in its physiological allusions: hands,  
mouth, lips, heart, head, bones, eyes).  
141:15-16 See note on Ps 139:16.  
141:17-18 A plea that God will keep him from speaking deas-  
ing or doing what is evil.  
141:19 Do not incline my heart. Keep me from yielding to the  
wicked and corrupt of the wicked (see Ps 139:16).  
141:20-21 A plea that God will keep him from speaking deas-  
ing or doing what is evil.