

***Sermon Title:* "How Much Does God Protect/Help Me?"**

Date: July 30, 2023 - Psalm 139:19-24

Central Idea: It is always sensible to obey God because He grieves over our sin. Are you actively obeying God?

Introduction:

If we cannot deceive God, escape Him, or ignore Him, it makes sense to obey God! There are those who oppose God and dispute what He says about them in His Word. David calls these people wicked, violent, liars, blasphemers, and rebels. He grieved because of their sin.

David made two requests:

I. Slay the Wicked. vv. 19-22

1. David's Assurance vv. 19-20

"Hate" involves a turning away.

There are two characteristics that identify God's enemies.

(1) They speak against God (irreverence).

(2) They take His name in vain (profanity).

2. David's Assertion vv. 21-22

He hated those who hate God.

II. Search Me. vv. 23-24

"Search" means "to explore, dig, probe."

1. Inspect me. v. 23

2. Lead me. v. 24

Conclusion:

David felt such a close association with the Lord that God's enemies became his enemies. How closely would you say your values align with the Lord's? David's final prayer requires a great deal of courage. Would you consider making that same request of the Lord? Do you trust the Lord to do exactly what is right for you and take care of you?