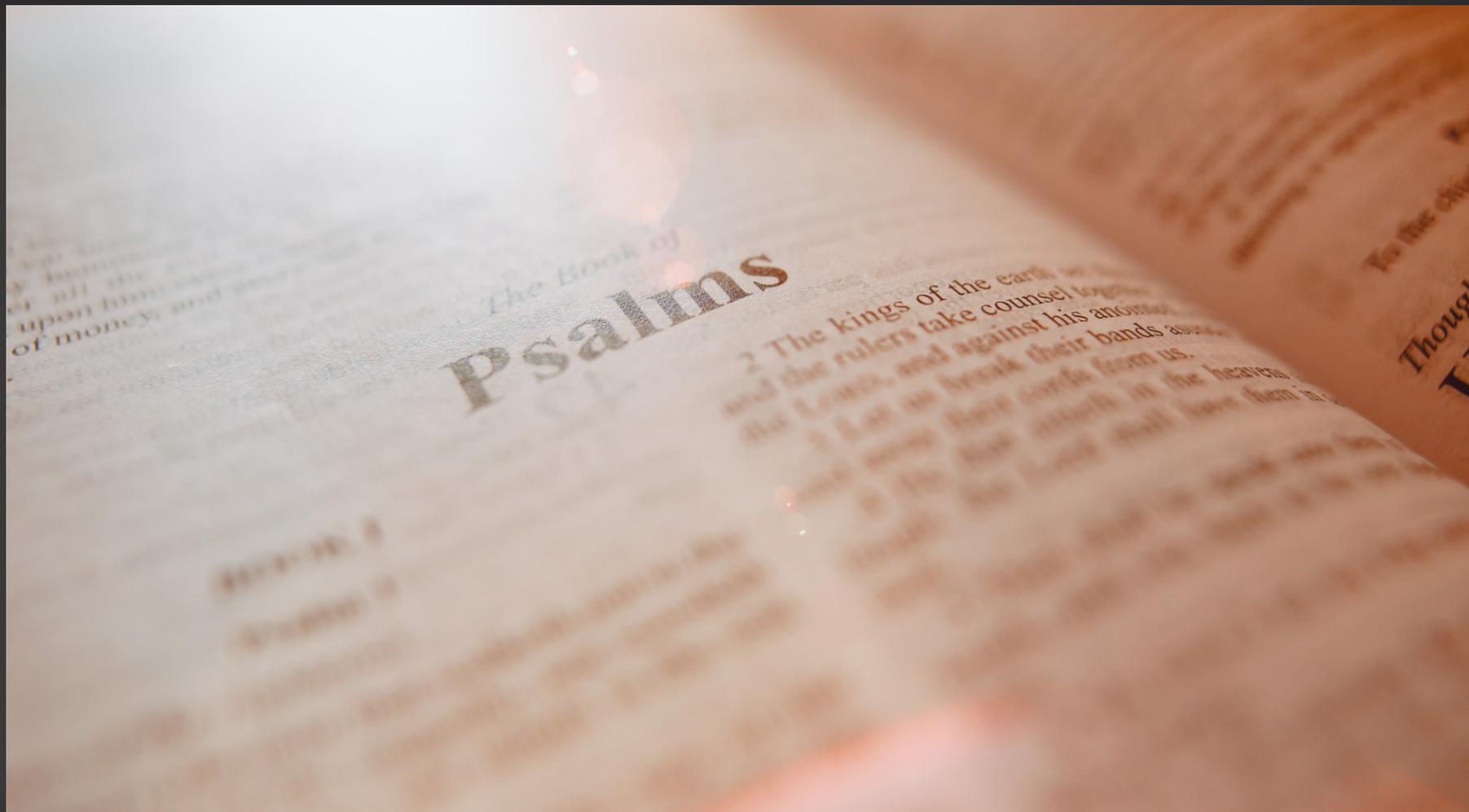


# Sunday Evenings in Psalms



From Book 5 of the Psalms

# Too Wonderful For Me



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and sever their cords from us.  
in the firmaments in the heavens  
shall the Lord shall have them

## Psalm 139

# The Greatness of God

1) God knows everything  
about me.

# Psalm 139:1-6

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
You understand my thought from afar.

# Psalm 139:1-6

<sup>3</sup> You scrutinize my path and my lying down,  
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

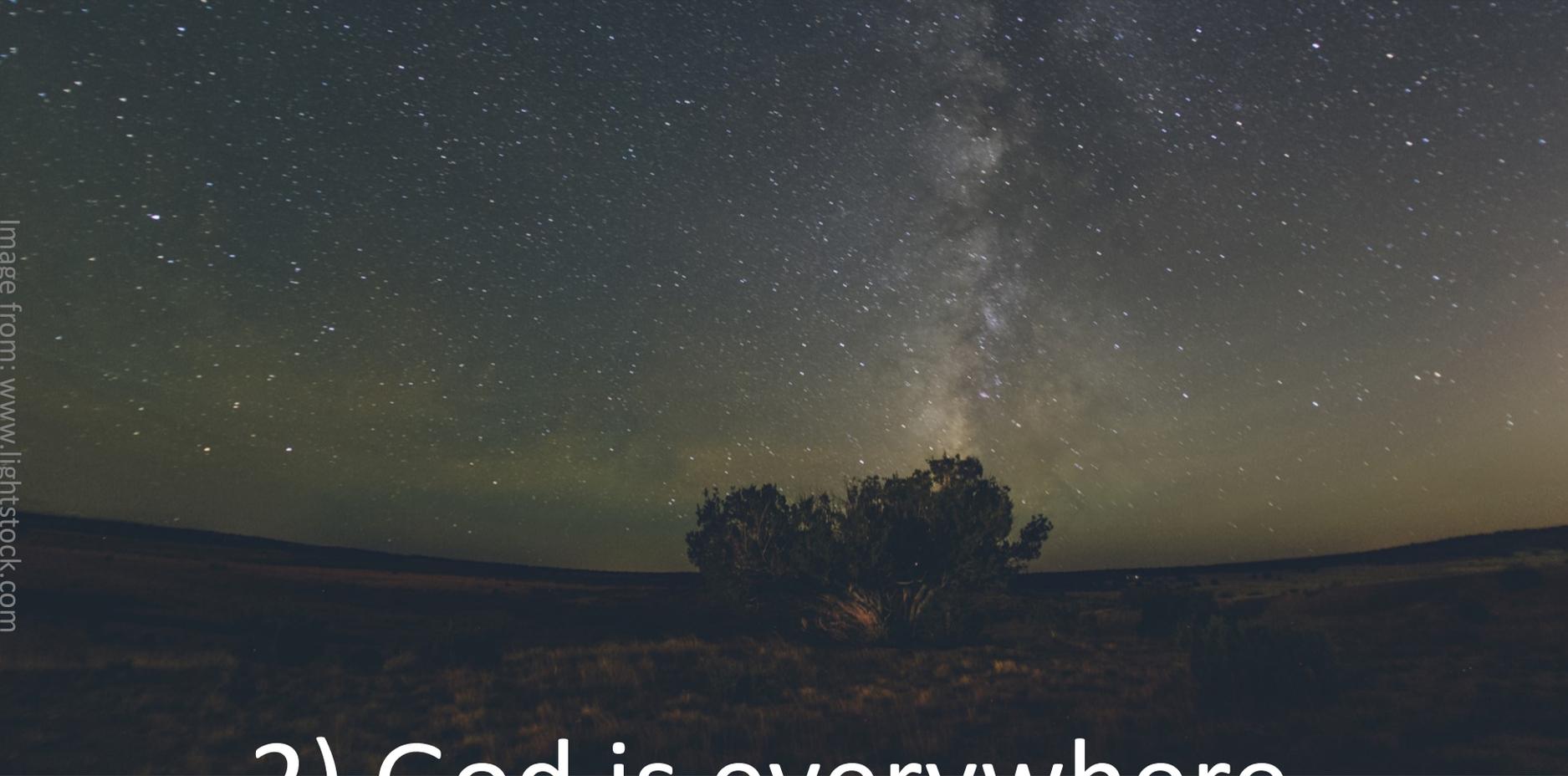
<sup>4</sup> Even before there is a word on my tongue,  
Behold, O LORD, You know it all.

# Psalm 139:1-6

<sup>5</sup> You have enclosed me behind and  
before,  
And laid Your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for  
me;  
It is *too* high, I cannot attain to it.

# The Greatness of God



2) God is everywhere,  
leading me.

# Psalm 139:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from Your Spirit?  
Or where can I flee from Your  
presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, You are there;  
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You  
are there.

# Psalm 139:7-12

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the dawn,  
If I dwell in the remotest part of the  
sea,

<sup>10</sup> Even there Your hand will lead me,  
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

# Psalm 139:7-12

<sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,  
And the light around me will be night,”

<sup>12</sup> Even the darkness is not dark to You,  
And the night is as bright as the day.  
Darkness and light are alike *to You*.

# The Greatness of God

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3) God created me, and knows my entire life beforehand.

# Psalm 139:13-16

**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.

# Psalm 139:13-16

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
*And* skillfully wrought in the depths of  
the earth;

# Psalm 139:13-16

<sup>16</sup> 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.

# Luke 1:36

<sup>36</sup> And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.

# The Psalmist's Response



1) I cannot even count  
God's thoughts.

# Psalm 139:17-18

**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.

# Isaiah 55:8-9

<sup>8</sup> “For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways,” declares  
the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> “For *as* the heavens are higher than  
the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

# The Psalmist's Response



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2) I hate evil.

# Psalm 139:19-22

<sup>19</sup> O that You would slay the wicked,  
O God;  
Depart from me, therefore, men of  
bloodshed.

<sup>20</sup> For they speak against You wickedly,  
And Your enemies take *Your name* in  
vain.

# Psalm 139:19-22

- 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.

# The Psalmist's Response



We must remember the biblical passages that teach us to love our neighbors.

# Leviticus 19:17-18

<sup>17</sup> ‘You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

<sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

# Leviticus 19:33-34

<sup>33</sup> ‘When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.

<sup>34</sup> The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.

# Malachi 1:2-3

<sup>2</sup> “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have You loved us?”

“*Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?*” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob;

<sup>3</sup> but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and *appointed* his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness.”

# Matthew 6:24

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

# The Psalmist's Response



Perhaps it means not an unloving heart, but a posture of rejecting their evil deeds.

# The Psalmist's Response



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3) Search me and lead me.

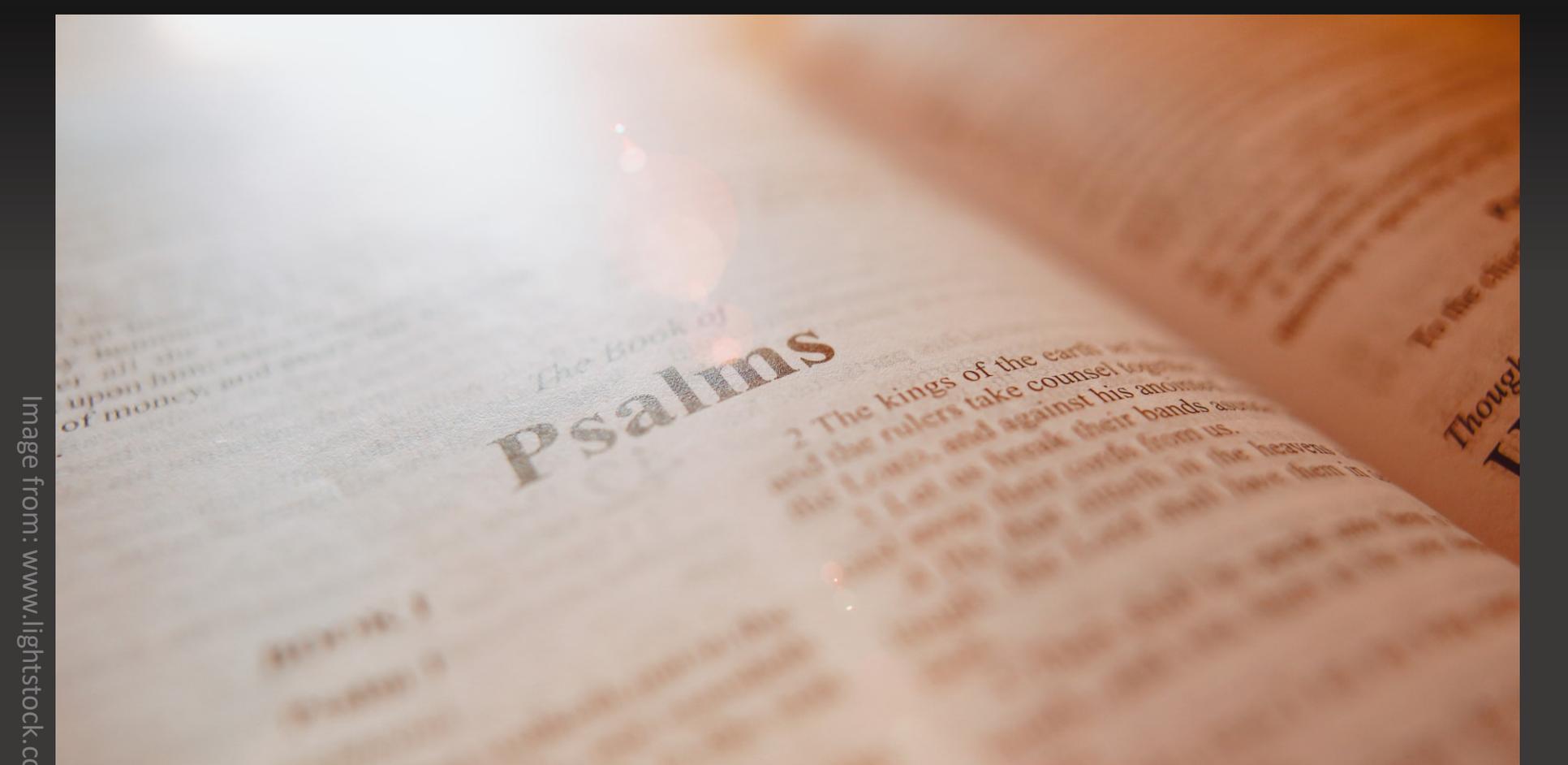
# Psalm 139:23-24

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Try me and know my anxious thoughts;

<sup>24</sup> And see if there be any hurtful way in me,

And lead me in the everlasting way.



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This psalm leads me to worship,  
& helps me live in authenticity  
and strength.