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for Christians in a  
Synthetic & Secular Age

*WHAT THE  
KINGDOM  
ISN'T*





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define: **technology**

*a man-made tool that  
increases efficiency*

Technology is no longer morally  
neutral when we cross this threshold:  
we **produce** more than we can  
**consume** and we won't **stop**.



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3. You desire **wisdom** for navigating that tension



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# ***Exploring the Wisdom Tradition in Scripture to Answer Life's **Four Essential Questions*****

- 1. Who are you? (Identity)**
- 2. Where do you belong? (Community)**
- 3. Why are you here? (Purpose)**
- 4. How should you live? (Priorities)**

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# Psalms 139:1-6

<sup>1</sup> You have searched me, Lord,  
and you know me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying  
down; you are familiar with all my ways.

# Psalm 139:1-6

<sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue  
you, Lord, know it completely.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for  
me, too lofty for me to attain.

# ***God's Initiative & Care in Our Lives***

*+ The All-Knowing God knows me (1-6)*



# Psalms 139:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens,  
you are there; if I make my bed in  
the depths, you are there.

<sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

# Psalm 139:7-12

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide  
me & the light become night around me,"

<sup>12</sup> even the darkness will not be dark to  
you; the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

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+ *The All-Knowing God knows me (1-6)*

+ *The All-Present God is with me (7-12)*

# Psalm 139:13-16

<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

# Psalm 139:13-16

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

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- + The All-Powerful God formed me (13-16)*

# Psalm 139:17-18

**17** How precious to me are your thoughts,  
God! How vast is the sum of them!

**18** Were I to count them, they would  
outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.

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# ***Our Response to God's Power & Presence***

- + Gratitude and Wonder (17-18)*



# Psalm 139:19-22

**19** If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

**20** They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

# Psalm 139:19-22

21 Do I not hate those who hate you,  
Lord, and abhor those who are in  
rebellion against you?

22 I have nothing but hatred for  
them; I count them my enemies.

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- + Justice and Righteousness (19-22)*

# Psalm 139:23-24

<sup>23</sup> Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

<sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in  
me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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- + Humility and Obedience (23-24)*

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# Mark 1:9-13

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.



# Mark 1:9-13

<sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

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