

¹To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
O LORD, thou hast searched me, and
known me .²Thou knowest my downsitting
and mine uprising, thou understandest my
thought afar off.³Thou compassest my path
and my lying down, and art acquainted
with all my ways.⁴For there is not a word
in my tongue, but , lo, O LORD, thou
knowest it altogether.⁵Thou hast beset me
behind and before, and laid thine hand
upon me.⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful
for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto
it.⁷Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or
whither shall I flee from thy presence?⁸If I
ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I
make my bed in hell, behold, thou art
there .⁹If I take the wings of the morning,
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the
sea;¹⁰Even there shall thy hand lead me,
and thy right hand shall hold me.¹¹If I say,
Surely the darkness shall cover me; even
the night shall be light about me.¹²Yea, the
darkness hideth not from thee; but the
night shineth as the day: the darkness and
the light are both alike to thee .¹³For thou
hast possessed my reins: thou hast
covered me in my mother's womb.¹⁴I will
praise thee; for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made: marvellous are thy
works; and that my soul knoweth right
well.¹⁵My substance was not hid from thee,
when I was made in secret, and curiously
wrought in the lowest parts of the
earth.¹⁶Thine eyes did see my substance,
yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my
members were written, which in
continuance were fashioned, when as yet
there was none of them.¹⁷How precious
also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how

great is the sum of them!¹⁸ If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.¹⁹ Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.²⁰ For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.²¹ Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?²² I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:²⁴ And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.