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Psalm 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. The Psalmists first prayer is search me. "The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" - **Hebrews 4:12**. When God speaks to us through His Word, we see ourselves as we never did before, and things that we could tolerate without pain become intolerable. Our selfishness, our earthliness, our disloyalty, unbelief and our lack of love all stand out in our lives and we cry out to God in humility and repentance. Even our best things are full of flaws; like the finest needle under the microscope, which looks like a club. As we turn from ourselves and turn to Christ and trust His perfect will and work for our lives

and walk in the light as He is in the light, the God searched heart enters into His will. The Psalmists second prayer is "Try me and know my thoughts." As this prayer becomes our hearts cry, we enter into the actual test of life. The opportunity comes to trust God in some trying place or to love in some disagreeable way, even to endure under some hardship. When we find ourselves giving way to some pressure or strong assaults of temptation and come out of the conflict not defeated, but baffled, perplexed, weakened and wondering where our resolutions and covenants have gone, we are tempted to think that God has failed us. God has not failed us but is simply trying us to see how much of the blessing we took was really divine and permanent or superficial, partial, impulsive and perhaps sentimental. All of the latter will burn in the fiery trial. Under the search-light, we see the flaws and failures, and patiently learn the

very place where we are weak and find the place in our life through which the dart came in and we start again. The battle is renewed and we come out more victorious, less humiliated and wiser for the experience, having learned in it where we were weak and how to trust our Lord and put on the full armor of God. The battle is renewed again and again until we can finally say, "The prince of this world cometh and findeth nothing in me." "When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." God tries us, proves us and establishes us. It is not by a quick process. "He shall sit, as a Refiner and Purifier of silver." He, "God", sits down to His work. He takes plenty of time. He will wait years with you over a single lesson, if you make Him do so or He will get you through it at once, if we are willing to take

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the quicker process and the hotter fire.

How magnificent is the love that will take so much trouble with us? How patient the infinite grace that will be troubled with all these little matters? No wonder Job said, "Lord, what is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? And that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? And that thou shouldest visit him every morning and try him every moment?" Yes, every moment the great Refiner is waiting to add some new touch to our strength and beauty and fit us for a higher place in his eternal life. We are so prone to think that these things that come to us are accidents, incidents or mishaps but after awhile, we learn that His hand is above ever other hand and His Love above every hateful blow. God uses every situation, misunderstanding and frustration in our lives to show us what must be burnt up in the fire, the trial.

He comes to us every moment as Job says and from morning to night, if we would but understand life as he does, we would see nothing but God; and as we meet Him in everything, we would see nothing but God's ever presence, and every unfriendly blow would be warded off, and against every fiery dart we would have a shield of faith that nothing could pierce and out of every storm we would shout with the great Apostle, "None of these things move me."

Brothers and sisters, these things will come until our testimony is, I shall not be moved.

May the Lord keep you and your families as we come to the end of this age.

In Christ,

Pastor Ken Geisendorfer

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**Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.
Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.
He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.
Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Resurrection morn
That fills our hearts with joy.
Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.
So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!**

