

the knowledge of the ability of God who has made it. And so after looking at this phase of it, and seeing the marvelous complexity of what God has done, he then he breaks forth into joy over the marvelous knowledge of God. And so he says in verses 17-18, "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them. ~~How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!~~ If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee." Now, he is rejoicing in God's goodness, rejoicing in God's power, rejoicing in that which at first seemed to oppress him, and now as he rejoices in this, you can naturally go on, as so many of our ~~responsibe~~ responsive readings do, if you want to, to verses 23 and 24. ☩ "Search me, O God, and know my heart: & try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, & and lead me in the way everlasting." And this jumps right on from the observation of these facts to the joy in them and & now, you are not saying, O, God sees everything that I do, but you are saying, Oh, God, look into me and see more, understand it thoroughly and bring it to my attention, in order that I may do my best to & bring my life in accord with your purpose, but you know I think we make a mistake to take a Psalm and skip here and her- there. God gave them to us as a whole, and God did not put something in between for us to skip. He put it in for us to study, and to interpret, and to understand it in relation to the rest of the Psalm, and so after His ~~recognati~~ recognition of marvel of God's thought, then we find him saying in verse 19, "Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain. Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies." ☩-You might call these