

### St Philip and St James

The Old Testament is written in the 23rd chapter of Job, beginning at the third verse.

This passage may be found in the pew Bible on page 597.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

“Oh, that I knew where I might find Him,  
That I might come to His seat!  
I would present my case before Him,  
And fill my mouth with arguments.  
I would know the words which He would answer me,  
And understand what He would say to me.  
Would He contend with me in His great power?  
No! But He would take note of me.  
There the upright could reason with Him,  
And I would be delivered forever from my Judge.

“Look, I go forward, but He is not there,  
And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;  
When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold Him;  
When He turns to the right hand, I cannot see Him.  
But He knows the way that I take;  
When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.  
My foot has held fast to His steps;  
I have kept His way and not turned aside.  
I have not departed from the commandment of His lips;  
I have treasured the words of His mouth  
More than my necessary food.”

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

This is the word of the Lord.

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**Psalm 139**

1 LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me. \* Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed; \* and art acquainted with all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, \* but thou O LORD , knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast beset me behind and before, \* and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; \* I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? \* or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; \* if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning, \* and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me, \* and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; \* then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; \* the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

12 For my reins are thine; \* thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: \* marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

14 My bones are not hid from thee, \* though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; \* and in thy book were all my members written;

16 Which day by day were fashioned, \* when as yet there was none of them.

17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; \* O how great is the sum of them!

18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: \* when I wake up, I am present with thee.

19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God? \* Depart from me, ye bloodthirsty men.

20 For they speak unrighteously against thee; \* 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 Yea, I hate them right sore; \* even as though they were mine enemies.

23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; \* prove me, and examine my thoughts.

24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; \* and lead me in the way everlasting.

*Glory be...*

## St Philip and St James

The New Testament is written in the first chapter of the Epistle of St. James beginning at the first verse.

This passage may be found in the Book of Common Prayer on page 239.

*(Pause to allow parishioners to find the page.)*

JAMES, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: but the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

*(Pause for a count of 5)*

This is the word of the Lord.