

Psalms 139

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2 “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Introduction:

When I worked for American Electric Power as a mechanic we had to put new bearing in one of the turbines. During the installation procedure we had blanked off the oil lines so the oil system could remain on to other equipment while we did this work.

We finished the work and turned the equipment back to operations for use. But, we had forgot to take the blanking plates out of the oil lines that lubricated the new bearings that we just installed. As a result the turbine ended up running without oil....Not good news at all.

We had surely goofed and were hoping we wouldn't get fired, but our bosses neck was on the chopping block too because he was suppose to inspect our work and make sure it was done properly. We had failed to inspect our own work and our boss failed to check us out also.

Some people just hate inspections. They see them as intrusive and want everyone to stay out of their business. But, inspections help things to go smoothly and also help us realize our mistakes and get them fixed.

Transitional Statement:

How much more valuable are inspections when we are talking about spiritual matters. If there is anything in this world I want to get right it is my position before God in matters of righteousness and holiness.

King David (A man after God's own heart) had this kind of view about inspections, he saw their great value and let God work through them.

Lesson:

I. David says “God you know me!”

A. Read Psalms 139:1-6

*O Lord, You have searched me and known me.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You understand my thought from afar.
3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, O Lord, You know it all.
5 You have enclosed me behind and before,*

*And laid Your hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is too high, I cannot attain to it.”*

B. God knows each one of us.

1. He knows when we sit and when we get up

-He knows where we are when no one is looking

2. He is familiar with all our ways

-He knows if we are honest

-He knows if we are diligently seeking his will in our lives

3. He knows what we are going to say before we even say it.

*Brethren God knows us completely

*He knows our hearts

*Our God is a personal God

C. Some would think that God only comes out of his office to grab our file if some problem come up.

-Oh but He is our inspector....ever watchful

II. Then David says “I can’t hide from you”

A. Read Psalms 139:7-12

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit?

Or where can I flee from Your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there;

If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

9 If I take the wings of the dawn,

If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

10 Even there Your hand will lead me,

And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,

And the light around me will be night,"

12 Even the darkness is not dark to You,

And the night is as bright as the day.

Darkness and light are alike to You.

B. David understands that he can’t hide from God

-Jonah had a hard time figuring that one out

*And we too, at different times get to thinking we can hide from God.

C. I’ll just push this sin under the rug and surely know one will know about it.....

-Including the inspector!

D. Brethren what a great thing to remember there is not one place we can go to hide from God.

- In a dark basement with pornography
- In a closet with a crack pipe
- In a motel room

*God is there and He is watching!

III. Then David recognizes God as his personal creator

A. Read Psalms 139:13-16

13 For You formed my inward parts;

You wove me in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Wonderful are Your works,

And my soul knows it very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You,

When I was made in secret,

And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;

And in Your book were all written

The days that were ordained for me,

When as yet there was not one of them.

B. You made me

- My inner most being

C. You knit me together in my mothers womb

D. He says I am wonderfully made

- The human body is truly nothing short of miraculous

-And the human psychic, our ability to think and reason, is spectacular and it represents a spectacular God.

E. God created us for his own set purpose...

- He knows every fiber of our being

-He knows how we are measuring up.

IV. Then, David recognizes how precious God's thoughts are.

A. Read Psalms 139:17-22

17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand.

*When I awake, I am still with You.
19 O that You would slay the wicked, O God;
Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.
20 For they speak against You wickedly,
And Your enemies take Your name in vain.
21 Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?
22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;
They have become my enemies.*

- B. David recognizes the value of what God thinks and says.
- C. David understands evil and stands admittedly against it as does God
- D. In Verse 18 David says “when I awake I am still with you”

-He hasn't got mad and run off to pout

- E. Brethren, we should all strive for this wonderful bench mark in our lives

-To hold precious the thoughts of God

-To not view them as an irritating inspection but as a means of improvement

V. And finally, David uses all this to say

- A. Read Psalms 139:23-24

*23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me,
And lead me in the everlasting way.”*

- B. David invites God's inspection in his life

-He counts it as wonderful

-Search me and know my heart

- C. Then, David says take what you find that needs fixed and lead me in the way everlastingly.

Conclusion:

-I fear its not to often that we reach this level of intimacy with God where the greatest and most wonderful things can happen in our live.

-Brethren, today I invite you to ask God as I am

***To search my heart and inspect my life.**