

# Psalm 139: David's Road Map To Relationship

## Psalm 139:13-18

We are continuing to camp out in Psalm 139, and if you have felt somewhat uncomfortable with the level of intimacy our emotive King David expresses here, keep in mind that It is God's desire to know and love us like no one else can. We are learning from David's rich text here that God is all-knowing, all-seeing, all-covering - everywhere, all the time. His promise to us:

### Hebrewa 13:5

*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Ah, contentedness! What a gift the follower of Jesus possesses! God's faithful provision of Himself and everything we need for life and godliness:

### 2Peter 1:3-4

*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

Beloved, God desires that we be content in *Him!* That we grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus:

### 2Peter 3:18

*But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

And oh, believer, that we seek first His kingdom priorities and His righteousness, that He may add all the rest! (Matthew 6:33)

Let Him be your all and all, your everything. He is sufficient for you!

Apostle Paul expounds on the joy of being content, and the sorrows of covetousness:

### 1Timothy 6:6-10

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

So why this Scriptural detour around Psalm 139?

Well, NEWS FLASH:

God saved us for relationship. Not for running religious laps around His love. It's *all* about His love:

### **Matthew 22:37**

*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

Back to David. His whole life was God. God had captured his heart. Listen to the meticulous detail and care with which God had knit together David in his mother's womb:

### **Psalms 139:13**

**(KJV)** *For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.*

**(NIV)** *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

My wife Sheri is a craft maker par excellence. Her skill with needlework, sewing, creating jewelry, multi media art, and on and on, is astounding. A gift from our creative God for certain! God's creative work in creating each one of us in our mother's womb is described in David's psalm as a type of embroidery or needlework - as in Psalm 139:15, we were each *curiously wrought* (KJV) which is the word *raqam* in Hebrew.

If you ever regarded yourself as less than loved, less than valued, less than uniquely knit together on purpose *for* the purpose of being loved by a caring, creative Creator - the Word of God is about to sweep you off your feet in awe and wonder. Listen with open ears and open heart, beloved:

### **Psalms 139:14**

**(KJV)** *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

**(NIV)** *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

David recognized that it was good news indeed to know that God made him with reverent care and distinguished him from every other person on earth. *I will praise thee*, David declares in awe and wonder, as he considers the great love and care God has lavished upon him. This truth in love terminates the hatred and lies that David's adversaries had flung at him.

I wonder right now if you have ever been a David in the wilderness - rejected, targeted, intimidated, bullied, outcasted, abused, falsely accused? Like Jesus, David had been through torture at the hands of his enemies, even those closest to him. Through his raw and honest testimony in the Psalms, we get a vivid picture of the kind of men we would call *enemies*:

### **Psalms 10:7**

*His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.*

### **Psalm 31:13**

*For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.*

### **Psalm 58:4**

*Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;*

Strange then that David's warfare was so waged in his heart and mind as he rejected the lies of his adversaries, and embraced the truth of His Creator and Lord.

*Enemy lines, listen...I am fearfully and wonderfully made, knit together in my mother's womb. And what's better is I know my Creator, I know my God! And He knows my name and calls me a man after His own heart. Enemy, know that I am created by, loved, protected, sent, and saved by my triumphant God through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ His beloved Son. All future communication and accusation will have to be passed by Jesus. In Jesus' name I declare and pray!*

Beloved, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1) You no longer have to accept the lies levelled at you by the Evil One. You belong to God.

### **Psalms 139:16**

**(KJV)** *Thine 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.*

**(NIV)** *Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*

Let's redefine conception, folks. While a man and a woman can certainly conceive and give birth to the miracle of a newborn baby, God has already ordained each one of us to be born, and to die. We are *His* idea! Just as God stood before creation of the world (Genesis 1:2), He stands before His created ones, before they are created - each unique and created for relationship. To say that God goes before us is an understatement!

### **Psalms 139:17**

**(KJV)** *How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!*

**(NIV)** *How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!*

What kinds of thoughts might God be thinking towards David, towards each of us? Might he be engrossed in the technical minutiae of creating the cells that make up our vastly complex created-on-purpose bodies?

Just for the sake of irony, we will quote astronomer and atheist Carl Sagan, on the subject of human cells. Get ready...

A single human chromosome (DNA molecule) contains 20 billion bits of information. How much is that? What would be its equivalent, if it were written down in an ordinary printed book in modern human language? Twenty billion bits are the equivalent of about three billion letters. If there are approximately six letters in an average word, the information content of a human chromosome corresponds to about 500 million words. If there are about 300 words on an ordinary page of printed type, this corresponds to about two million pages. If a typical book contains 500 such pages, the information content of a single human chromosome corresponds to some 4,000 volumes. "It is clear, then, that the sequence of rungs on our DNA ladders represents an enormous library of information. It is equally clear that so rich a library is required to specify as exquisitely constructed and intricately functioning an object as a human being."

So, we couldn't blame God if His thoughts toward us were relegated to the creation and maintenance of our miraculous bodies. But those of us who have accepted God's only Son as Saviour and Lord have come to know God as Father, as Love, as Lord, and David cannot even count the number of thoughts that God has toward him.

But, beloved, we're learning, aren't we? As we dig deeper into Scripture, God is revealing more of His thoughts toward us:

**Jeremiah 29:11-14**

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.*

Be encouraged, beloved! You are valued. You are loved.

- Reverend Darren McClelland