

Sermon – Psalm 139

Keller

We can read this Psalm like Santa Claus.

Read it through the lens of Jesus... Jesus knows suffering, no other religion knows that.

Because God is everywhere doesn't mean he is just in the room. He is with you inspite of your failures. He didn't let hell keep him from you. –Keller

Redeem for people that God knows you, God is with you, God is all powerful.

God knows everything about me but chooses to be intimate with me.

God is always with me, everywhere that he doesn't leave me in my failures.

David in knowing this about God... is asking God for something...

Swindoll

I. How well does God know me? (139:1–6)

II. How close is God to me? (139:7–12)

III. How carefully has God made me? (139:13–18)

IV. How much does God protect/help me? (139:19–24)

How well does God know me? (The problem of identity)

How close is God to me? (The problem of loneliness)

How carefully has God made me? (The problem of self-image)

How much will God protect/help me? (The problem of fear/worry)

So many forces conspire to make us feel unseen, unimportant, insignificant, and uncared for. Technology separates us from the human voice and human touch. Busyness erodes our relationships, stealing the time we need to really know and be known by those we love. While our impersonal world makes us wonder if we really matter, Psalm 139 tells us that we do matter—we matter to God.

Dick Lucas

This Psalm takes our eyes off of ourselves, and puts them on the greater God.

4 stanzas, and 6 verses in each.

The great poems of the OT.

With a sudden explosion of hatred in verse 19-22.

It tells how God made us and tells us about the kind of world we are going to live.

139:1-18

a. He knows me 1-6

There is a difference in knowing facts and knowing about.

Almighty doesn't just want to know about you, but to know you.

b. He holds me fast 7-12

Escape is impossible. God's hand is everywhere to guide.

The key is vs 10.

Do you ever want to be free of God?

c. He made me orders my life from the beginning 13-18

d. 19-20

Not a desire for vengeance.

David is mad at the people who rise up against God.

This isn't personal to David, but to the cause of God.

David is saying God vindicate your love, sovereignty, etc...

3 things to learn from this section:

-neutrality is impossible. You cannot be loyal to God and his enemies.

-don't have anything to do with compromise.

-forced tolerance doesn't work.

Final prayer: I can be influenced by evil, so God...know me, and lead me.

All seeing

All present

All Creative

Does having small thoughts of God impact us?

You don't yourself unless you know yourself in relationship with God.