



**“When Does Life Begin?”  
Psalm 139:13-16**

*Psalm 139:13-16 – “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. **14** I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. **15** My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. **16** Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”*

**Five reasons we should affirm the sanctity of human life in the womb:**

**1. God owns everything he creates.**

Verse 13 – “For you formed my inward parts...”

The Hebrew verb *qanah* means to buy or purchase. As Creator, God possesses the right of ownership over everything he creates (Rom 9:20-21). Since he is the giver of life, he is the only one who has authority to take life. We do not have a right to take innocent life.

**2. Every child is a magnificent creation.**

In verses 13-16, David credits God with creating three things:

- “unformed substance” = embryo
- “frame” = skeleton
- “inward parts” = internal organs

The miraculous process of development in the womb:

- Conception – a unique living human being is formed
- 24 hours – a single cell begins to divide and multiply
- 22 days – a heart begins to beat
- 32 days – arms and hands are developing
- 40 days – brain waves are measurable
- 42 days – vertebrae begins to form
- Week 8 – babies can feel
- Week 11 – babies can smile and frown
- Week 13 – babies can respond to light and sound
- Week 17 – babies can dream

**3. A mother instinctively loves and protects her child.**

Verse 15 – “...when I was being made in secret...” (the word means a covering or shelter, a hiding place; cf. 1Sam 19:2; Ps 32:7).

#### **4. Every child has a unique purpose.**

Verse 16 – “...in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

God has a plan and a purpose for each child’s life even before the child is born (cf. Jer 1:5, 29:11).

#### **5. God created us for worship!**

Verse 14 – “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”

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#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Did this message motivate you to speak up for the sake of unborn children? What are some ways you could get involved and help make a difference?
2. How would you explain to someone why you believe life begins at conception? Could you prove that biblically and scientifically?
3. What would you say to someone you knew who was considering abortion?
4. What would you say to someone who has had an abortion and regrets it?
5. What did you learn from this message, and what main thing are you going to take away from it?