



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

“He is My Significance”

Psalms 139

June 9, 2013 A.M. Worship

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Our Response:

1. Has there ever been that moment where you have prayed to the Father and asked Him to come into your heart and take control of your life? Would you give Him your heart & life today? Remember it is as simple as **ABC!**
Admit to God you are a sinner, **Ask** for His forgiveness, **Believe** Jesus is God's Son, **Confess** Him as Savior & **Commit** Your Life to Him as Lord. (the Boss of your life)
2. Have you asked Christ into your heart but never made it public. Have you not been baptized? You can come & make that decision today public today. Be obedient!
3. Are you a part of a church family? If not, you need one! Is the Lord calling you to Petal FBC today? Why wait any longer? Step over the line and join us in reaching this community with the gospel of Jesus Christ! Be obedient and join a church!
4. May we this week see ourselves as God sees us: Fearfully and wonderfully made! You are valuable not because of who you are, but because of WHOSE you are, because You are a unique and special creation of our Perfect Creator, God the Father!
5. May we treat others in that light that they are creations of our Heavenly Father too! Who is it in your “world” that you struggle to treat that way? Write their name down and pray for them.
6. Because He does know us so well, see us everywhere we go, may we ask Him this week that He would continue to search and try us. Once you find those areas that are lacking, and maybe He has revealed them to you today, that you would confess and repent of those things!
7. May we share the amazing love our Father with someone this week who needs to know how much God cares for them and that are one of His special creations!

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

“The Lord is My Significance”

Psalms 139

June 2, 2013 AM Service

This is definitely by far one of my favorite Psalms, and even some of my favorite songs as this Psalm has been put to music in several different songs! It is full of important theology and depth about God. Wiersbe said it best, “What we think about God and our relationship to Him determines what we think about everything else that makes up our busy world — other people, the universe, God's Word, God's will, sin, faith, and obedience. Wrong ideas about God will ultimately lead to wrong ideas about who we are and what we should do, and this leads to a wrong life on the wrong path toward the wrong destiny. In other words, theology — the right knowledge of God — is essential to a fulfilled life in this world. David contemplated God and wrote for us a psalm whose message can only encourage us to be in a right relationship with Him.”

God Knows Us Intimately – We Cannot Deceive Him Vs 1-6

“Lord, You have searched me and known me” Vs 1

The word **Search** – to pierce through, to examine with pain and care (seeing right through a person & searching for treasure- God seeks us out and sees right into our souls!) and because He can see us that deeply and intimately He knows us. Therefore we can never deceive Him like we deceive others! That can either be thrilling or threatening, depending on how we are living. God Alone can search us & thus know us completely!

Jeremiah 17:10 “I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.”

✓ **He Knows My Ways** (Thoughts) Vs 2b-3 **Scrutinize my path**

Often say a husband or wife knows what the other is thinking – well this goes so far beyond that! He knows our thoughts before we even think them and even why we think that way and that thought! He knows them once we think them before we ever speak a word. Now that is knowing someone. We can hide our thoughts from most everyone else, but not from Him. He knows us that well, better than we know ourselves!

✓ **He Knows My Words** Vs 4

Every word that I have uttered this week, whether good or bad, He

knows them, He heard them. [Matt 12:36-37](#) "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." How would you have done this week? How about even today?

✓ **He Knows My Walk** [Vs 2a,5](#)

Since He knows our words and our thoughts, then He certainly knows how we have lived this week. As we will see in the next section, there isn't a single place that we go that God isn't! We know this truth that He knows our ways, our words and even our walk, where we have been, but we don't live as if is true too many times. It simply does not affect us! If it did, is there any place you would not have been this week, or would have done a certain action or deed this week, or is there somewhere that you should have been that you didn't, or something that you have should have done but you didn't? He protected you this week for He was behind and before you! We play games with others, but this reminds us so clearly that we cannot play games with God, He knows us inside and out, nothing escapes Him! [Hebrews 4:13](#)

["He knows about everyone, everywhere. Everything about us is bare and wide open to the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing can be hidden from him to whom we must explain all that we have done."](#) TLB

Yet David's reaction should be our Reaction to this amazing truth which– [Vs 6](#) ["Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it!"](#) (comprehend or understand it) Doesn't seem possible! It should not threaten us or frighten us, but instead love Him even more because in spite of the fact that He knows us so well, He still loves us and calls us His own! Now let's be clear, that doesn't excuse our ways, words, or walk, but would definitely call us to account for all of our daily life! But His love is not based on what we do, but Whose we are! Thank God.

God is With Us Constantly – We Cannot Dodge Him [Vs 7-12](#)

Great news today, we can't anywhere that God hasn't been, He was there before we got there, He will be with us while we are there, and still be there after we depart. Sometimes as we contemplate this truth, it might make us want to run from God, get away from Him because we don't want to face ourselves and the Lord! Ask **old Jonah** about that truth! Even in

our darkest hours, in our most disobedient moments, or difficult moments, we are never apart from Him! [Romans 8: 38-39](#) echoes that very fact! David envisions perhaps the 3 things that can separate us from each other the most, yet nothing separate us from God.

✓ **Death Does Not Hide Us From God** [Vs 7-8](#)

We must face God when we die, and it will either be as our Savior or as our Judge. If you are a follower of Christ, then He will be as Savior and you will spend eternity with Him, but if not, then you will face Him as judge and be sent to hell where hell is hell because God will not be there. Great news for the believer, and even those left behind, though we are separated while here on earth, we are never separated from God! We will be him and those other believers for eternity! We don't have to fear death! [I Corinthians 15:54-57](#)

✓ **Distance Does Not Hide Us From God** [Vs 9-10](#) [Isaiah 43:2-3](#)

We are reminded of Jonah and even Adam and Eve who tried to hide from God. We know we can't hide from God, but we sometimes act like we can. We think because we can hide things from other people that God doesn't see us, or if He does He will wink at it, or He will just forgive us and we can move on. Simply isn't so! No matter where life may take you, God will always be there, even to the uttermost parts of the earth – never felt this truth more than when I have been on these mission trips – and surrounded by the darkness of the enemy – felt alone even with people around, yet reminded that God was there!

✓ **Darkness Does Not Hide Us From God** [Vs 11-12](#)

Why does darkness scare us, we can't see and it separates us from one another – we don't know who is there or not there, or what is waiting in front of us, or what may be coming behind us! Great news, there is no darkness whether literally or figuratively that God's light does not penetrate or blast through! [I John 1:5](#) Many times we face dark days, that feel dark, yet be reminded today, God is there even in your darkest hours, He is there! **ILLUS: Indian Legend – father and son – all night**

God Made Us Wonderfully – We Cannot Disregard Him [Vs 13-18](#)

✓ **He Created Me** [Vs 13-16](#) [Psalm 8:4-8](#)

This is why it is inconceivable to me how any follower of Christ can say that life doesn't begin at conception. They simply must rip this passage

of our Scripture! God was there, even in the intimacy of a husband and wife, the joining of that sperm and egg to create this child, God was even there and throughout the pregnancy He knows us in our mother's womb! Can it get any better? And we are made so complex, our bodies are so complicated – how could it be it just exploded into being?

ILLUS: Disney World Ride Space Mountain – takes more faith than to believe there was an amazing loving Creator who made us, shaped us and formed us!

Every minute in our bodies, 3 billion cells die and the same number are created to take their place, we have 30 billion cells in our brain!

It was God who created you exactly like He wanted you to be! Not only that, He knows our days and has a plan and a purpose for our lives!

ILLUS: Laminin Video Clip by Louie Giglio

Jeremiah 29:11 There is much more to be said here, but time doesn't allow. God formed us and shaped us in His image – VBS Children's Songs a few years ago, **"I am who the Great I AM says I am, I am one of His greatest creations, He says that I am remarkably wonderfully made, & I am who He says I am! It's because God said so, not man!**

✓ **He Considers Me** Vs 17-18 Psalm 40:5-6

This one thought should blow our minds! God thinks about us all the time, even when we are asleep, He is thinking of us, protecting us, and loving on us! What kind of God is that? Simply amazing. David says these thoughts are precious to him? Is it to you and me today? Some say God doesn't love us, are you kidding me? I do my best to not think about someone I don't like, but I love thinking about my wife! Because I have to? No because I want to. God loves to think about His children! What is thinking? Ways that He can love us and show His glory in and through our lives and the list goes on and on! What a loving Father!

God Judges Righteously – We Cannot Dispute Him Vs 19-24

David's response to what He was written and thought about and it is certainly our call today as well.

✓ **Standing Against Sin** Vs 19-22

May we stand against the sin, not the sinner. May we hate sin in our own lives, first. Hate it in the world, and do something about it where we can.

May we not be comfortable with sin any longer in our lives. That is why our nation is in such a mess, not because who is in charge in Washington!

✓ **Searched by the Savior** [Vs 23-24](#)

Here God gives an invitation to intimacy with Him, a ever deepening, growing relationship with Him where we can know Him and He can reveal Himself to us in ways that we cannot imagine if we will respond to that invitation. Lastly, and most importantly, is to ask the Lord to examine us, that same word from Vs 1, to search us, pierce us through, test and try all of our ways, and where we come up short, where we have hurt the heart of God, and hurt the heart of others that we would repent and confess those things before Him, ask Him to change our hearts and that we would change our ways, and then closes that prayer to put on that path that leads to heaven, the narrow road that leads to life as Jesus talked about in [Matthew 7:13-14](#)

139 God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. **2** I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking. **3** You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight. **4** You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. **5** I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too — your reassuring presence, coming and going. **6** This is too much, too wonderful — I can't take it all in! **7** Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit? to be out of your sight? **8** If I climb to the sky, you're there! If I go underground, you're there! **9** If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon, **10** You'd find me in a minute — you're already there waiting! **11** Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark! At night I'm immersed in the light!" **12** It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you. **13** Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. **14** I thank you, High God — you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration — what a creation! **15** You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. **16** Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day. **17** Your thoughts — how rare, how beautiful! God, I'll never comprehend them! **18** I couldn't even begin to count them — any more than I could count the sand of the sea. Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you! **19** And please, God, do away with wickedness for good! And you murderers — out of here! — **20** all the men and women who belittle you, God, infatuated with cheap god-imitations.

21 See how I hate those who hate you, God, see how I loathe all this godless arrogance; **22** I hate it with pure, unadulterated hatred. Your enemies are my enemies! **23** Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; **24** See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong — then guide me on the road to eternal life.

A Cherokee father takes his son to the forest. Tonight he will become a man by participating in a rite of passage. He sits his son on a stump and blindfolds him. The youth is not permitted to remove the blindfold or cry out for help throughout the night. Only when the light of dawn touches him and peeks through the cloth of his blindfold can he remove it. This rite is private and he will not be permitted to share his experience with the other young boys. Each boy must find his own way into manhood. The boy feels fear rise up as his father blindfolds him. His thoughts hold fear of harm from animal or man while he is unable to defend himself. The wind blew and the bushes rustle around him. The night noises seemed more frightening when he could not identify them. But he endured, stoically braving the night without removing his blindfold. It was the only way he could become a man and he was determined despite the building panic and fear. Finally, after a horrific night, the sun touched his blindfold and he removed it. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.