

Notes for the word section week beginning Sunday 10th May

Psalm 139

Read: Psalm 139:1-24

Summary:

There are many things that we can exaggerate in life but we can never exaggerate God. Psalm 139 paints a vivid picture of God who knows all, sees all, who is everywhere and who can do anything. King David, Like others in scripture (Isaiah, Job & Peter are truly humbled when they begin to grasp just a little about God!)

How God knows me (v: 1-6)

God is all seeing, there is nothing that happens that he misses. Every action, gesture, word spoken and thought of ours God sees. God seeing is more than a massive computer hard drive where information is stored and can be recollected... God sees and God knows us. This can either be very threatening or comforting.

How God surrounds me (v: 7-12)

David asks the questions where can I go from your presence. The answer is nowhere... God is everywhere. "*Perhaps even more scary than a God who pursues you to the ends of the earth is one who is already there when you arrive.*" Paul reminds us in Romans that here is nothing that can separate us from God's love.

How God made me (v: 13-18)

God is the creator, the amazing mighty miracle working God. God declares that you have value because you are fearfully and wonderfully made by HIM. Not only that but He is also sovereign in planning our lives. A theme that Paul expands on when writing to the Church in Ephesus (Ephesians 2:10)

How I live for God (v: 19-24)

The abrupt change in these last verses show how 'real' the Bible is and there is much we can learn from these God breathed words. It is good to thank God before we ask for things. God is our help in times of trouble, although He does allow us to go through difficulties. Our devotion to God is shown by loving what He loves and hating what He hates!

Application:

1. Was there anything shared on Sunday that needs clarifying for you?
2. What did God say to you on Sunday and what are you going to do as a result?
3. How do you feel knowing that God sees all you do, say and think?
4. Knowing that people are created by God and in his image how does that influence the way you treat others?
5. What kind of things does God hate?
6. Believing that God has planned all our days, in what ways are we still responsible for our life and what we do?
7. How do you try and hide from God?