

Strengthened by God's Word

Psalm 139

"Know the God Who Knows You"— May 8, 2022



Introduction

Have you ever thought that you knew someone but after a certain period of time, you didn't really know them at all?

We praise the Lord our God, because He knows perfectly what's in our hearts. He graciously reveals our hearts to us so that we might know Him and graciously walk rightly with others.

Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

Sermon Outline

1. Our praise should orient our understanding of God. Vs. 1-18
2. Our prayer should re-orient our relationship with God and others. Vs. 19-24

Read & Discuss

1) Read vs. 1-18

David begins this psalm by praising God for three attributes

- God's personal knowledge of the believer (Vs. 1-6) God is omniscient.
- God's personal presence with the believer (Vs. 7-12) God is omnipresent.
- God's personal care for the believer (Vs. 13-16)

As believers, we cannot pick and choose which parts of the Bible are convenient to uphold and which parts we can push aside. The purpose of God for providing the entirety of scripture to us is for us to orient our understanding of His person and character as revealed in the Word. The word of God is clear as to what we are to be and what we are to represent.

Are you growing more in grace today because of your relationship with God? Does your praise orient your understanding of who God is? Do you know who you are in Christ?

Additional Reading: 1 John 3:1; Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 121

2) Read vs. 19-24

We need to take an honest assessment of our prayer life, our relationship with God and our relationship with others.

There is a change in David's tone here in these verses. David has come from the mountain top of praise. He sees God as God. By the grace of God, every believer will experience a variety of mountain top experiences in their lifetime. The problem is that we don't live on the mountain. We live in the everyday experiences of a fallen world. David's zeal for God's enemies is warranted. David's judgement of others is appropriate in this context, but his judgement is not perfect. There is One whose judgment is perfect. That is God. David knows what it means to sin and be judged by God.

2 things to remember:

- Ask God to reveal and remove anything that keeps you from praising Him rightly.
- Be willing to take an honest evaluation of your Christian walk.

When God speaks to your heart, you will never be the same.

Is there anything in your heart and life that keeps you from praising God rightly? How is your prayer life? How are your relationships with other believers? Does your life line up with your words? What steps can you take to get back on track?

Additional Reading: Psalm 51; 2 Samuel 12; Hebrews 12:1

Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to com.

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***Next week's sermon text:** we turn to [Genesis 9:18-29](#) "Fallen Again"