

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

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Psalm 139

The world wants to practice sexual immorality and have no consequences for sin. That is the motivation of abortionists. "Abortion is a refusal to worship God and to obey God."

The chiasmic structure of Psalm 139 points us to central feature of the passage. Scriptures from the beginning will mirror with Scriptures at the end of the passage to lead us to the middle point.

Today's sermon will be a series of (7) "Because" statements and work the way to the middle "Then" statement. There are (2) additional twists.

- 1) **Because God Never Gives Privacy:** V1, 23: The heart of the true follow of God desires to be tested and tried and to be known because he desires purity. God searches and knows everything about me. Sinful man loves darkness where they try to hide their sin.
- 2) **Because God Knows Your Thoughts:** V2, 3: Our thoughts are known by God. Our thoughts are considered actions in the books in heaven, Matt. 5:21-30. V3, God knows our hidden sins. V21-22, David hates what God hates-> David aligns his thoughts with God's thoughts. David is on the Lords side. God's enemies are David's enemies, Rom. 5:10. This is not a complete theology of dealing with the lost, but the lost are enemies of God.
- 3) **Because God Knows Your Motives:** V4: God always knows what I am going to say. Matt. 12:34 says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." The words spoken by humans and the Word of God are the two key concepts in verse 4 and 20. V20, the enemies of God take God's name in vain. They claim and pretend to be God's but are not at all.
- 4) **Because God Divides All People:** V5: "You hemmed me in behind and before and laid your hand upon me." God surrounds David and gives him grace and love. V19, "that You would slay the wicked, O God. Oh, men of blood, depart." God's hand of love is on the righteous and His hand of judgement is on the wicked.
- 5) **Because God has Transcendent Knowledge:** V6, God's knowledge can't be attained it is too high. V17-18, God's thoughts are too many to know or learn. I John 3:20, God knows everything. God's understanding is beyond measure, Ps. 147:5. The only knowledge that we have about God is what He chooses to reveal about Himself in Scripture. Why is the issue of abortion a no-brainer and the truth that life begins at conception? Because this information is revealed by God as God reveals His story of redemptive history, Job 10:10, Gen. 25:22, Jer. 1:5, Luke 1:15, 31, 44.
- 6) **Because God is Utterly Sovereign:** V7-12, God is present in heaven or in death. Even if overcome with darkness, God's light illuminates everything. God is sovereign: 1) After my life on this earth and 2) Before my life on this earth, V16, He has planned all my days.
- 7) **Because God Made You:** V13, 15: He made my organs and my frame (body) and He knitted and wove me together. V13, it was done in my mother's womb. This proves that abortion is not a mother's right or decision - the baby is God's not the mothers.

Because of All These Things, Then He has an Inherent Right to My Worship: V14, I will praise You (confessing all that is great about God). The making of a child in the womb is fearful or awe-inspiring. And it is wonderfully made, or a miracle that God has done. Because of this, God is owed our worship, He doesn't need it, I owe it to Him.

Twist 1) The division of people is not into pro-life or pro-choice groups. There will be pro-life people in hell. The standard is to humble yourself and be forgiven by God in Christ. You must be perfect as He is perfect. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can change hearts and change allegiances.

Twist 2) God has a right to your worship. The unsaved person who must worship God is unfit to do so and God won't receive it. I must identify with Jesus. Jesus makes me a new creation, 2 Cor. 5:17. There is no condemnation in Christ, Rom. 8:1. V24, God will lead me in the way everlasting. God will lead me in the way I need to go to please Him.

Further Discussion and Application

Steve states, "A law of any kind is only legitimate in as much as it protects God-given rights. The law itself has no authority to create rights." The right to sin without penalty or sin in privacy is NOT an inalienable right that God has granted. How should we confront our sin? How should we expose the evil in our hearts? Why should a believer expose their hearts and motives to God's Word?

God knows the evil thoughts of all. We can't hide what we believe and desire inside from God. How do believers purify their hearts with the Word of God for the purpose of removing the wickedness from within? How does God change our heart so we can begin this process? Repentance will be necessary to change. What will we need to do to stop saying and believing murderous and wicked thoughts and actions about others?

To say that I know best about this issue (or any issue) logically means that I have every piece of information in the universe about the subject. That is not possible and is a logical fallacy. How do we give proper glory and honor to God for all that He knows and for who He is? How small are humans that we would think or hint that we have knowledge of an issue that rivals God? How should a believer in Christ approach God as to His sovereignty and omniscience? How can this increase our faith and trust in Him and His word?

What about the 62 million babies aborted by count since Roe v. Wade was enacted in 1973? Aborted babies are in heaven and are God's elect. Steve gave 10 reasons why these babies are innocent and with God in heaven. How does this help us minister to and love those who have committed these acts and trust in God's sovereignty in all that goes on here on earth? What hope do we have about the completeness and goodness of God's grace for us and all those who practice sin?