



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE®

Exodus and Leviticus Sermon Series

Supports Session 8: Protection

Sermon Title: “The Beauty of Life” (Psalm 139)

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### Connection to Session 8

On this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday our text will be from Psalm 139. This text will coincide with the lesson by reminding our people of the importance of human life from conception because God has formed every person in the womb.

### Introduction/Opening

Abortion. What comes to mind when you hear that word? Maybe you think of a political, social, or reproductive issue. Do you think of abortion as a theological issue? Abortion is a theological issue, or maybe we could say, a lack of theology issue. Our text from Psalm 139 shows us that life in the womb is a deeply theological issue because God is at work forming that life. This psalm teaches us that human life is created by God and has value.

### Outline

#### I. God’s knowledge (Ps. 139:1-6)

This psalm teaches us about the sanctity of human life. The text is centered on God and the knowledge He possesses of His people.

- a. God’s knowledge of His people
  - i. These verses show us the ways in which God possesses intimate knowledge of His people.
  - ii. God knows everything about us, yet He still loves and cares for us.
- b. Praise
  - i. This knowledge caused David to praise the Lord.
    - i. Application: God knows the good, bad, and ugly about us, yet He still sent Jesus to die for our sins. This should cause us to worship Him and be thankful for His grace in our lives.

#### II. God’s presence (Ps. 139:7-12)

Not only is God’s knowledge incomprehensible, but we cannot escape His presence! There is nowhere we can go to get away from God.

- a. David used imagery to explain how one cannot escape God’s presence.
  - i. Heaven/Sheol
  - ii. East/West
  - iii. Dark/Light
  - iv. Night/Day

1. Illustration: We know from the prophet Jonah that you cannot escape God's presence.

### III. God's creation (Ps. 139:13-16)

David explained that even in His mother's womb, God saw and formed him. This psalm shows us that God is the One who formed and created us.

- a. We are image bearers
  - i. God has "knit" us together (v. 13).
    1. This is the work of God as divine artist.
    2. Genesis 1:27 speaks of how men and women are created in God's image.
  - ii. We are remarkably and wondrously made (v. 14).
  - iii. Application: We see the great care that God takes to create each new life. This means that every single person matters and has value to the Lord.
- b. God's works are wondrous
  - i. Verse 14b mentions how God's works are "wondrous."
    1. The works of God cause David to praise the Lord.

### IV. Response (Ps. 139:17-24)

The psalm ends with a response to God's knowledge and work. At the heart of this response to God's wondrous work is praise for God and justice that will come upon the wicked.

- a. Praise
  - i. David responded in praise again to God.
- b. Judgment
  - i. Even though all have been made by God, those who do not repent and follow His ways will receive punishment for their sins.
- c. Searching for salvation
  - i. David called upon the Lord to "search" him and lead him in the "everlasting way" (vv. 23-24).

## Conclusion

Human life is created by God. Standing for life in the womb is not a political issue but a theological issue. Psalm 139 teaches us that God knows everything about us. He knows how sinful we are. God sent His One and only Son, Jesus Christ, to live a perfect life, die on the cross, and rise from the dead. God sent Jesus to save us from our sins, so that we might praise Him and tell others of His wondrous works.

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