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Matthew 1–13 Sermon Series

Supports Session 7: Every Life Valued

Sermon Title: “Created with Value” (Psalm 139:13-18)

Connection to Session 7

This lesson is for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and intends to communicate the value of every human life. Psalm 139 is a foundational text for establishing the intrinsic value of every person created in the image of God. Psalm 139:13-16 demonstrates that each and every person is created with value.

Introduction/Opening

Recently, a study documented that up to 27% of people who go on vacation, and many who go to the beach, report that they have lost jewelry while on vacation.¹ Can you imagine being in that situation? Perhaps you were just married and while on your honeymoon at the beach, you lost your wedding ring in the sand. According to the study, hundreds of people find themselves in that scenario. Many times, jewelry gets buried in the sand and remains hidden from view, potentially to be found by someone with a metal detector. However, though the wedding ring may be lost or hidden from view, does that mean its value has been lost as well? Of course not! In the same way, every life, whether lost in sin or hidden from sight in the womb or suffering, is valuable to God because He created everyone.

Outline

1. **God created everyone wonderfully (Ps. 139:13-15).**
 - a. As King David penned this Psalm, he wrote about God’s all-knowing wisdom and ever-present care for his life. He did not write about an abstract idea of omnipresence or omniscience of God detached from His relationship with people. God knows everything about every person.
 - b. God knows everything about everyone because He formed us from the beginning. From the moment of conception, God had intimate involvement with our creation. As verse 13 states, “For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.” Like a master clothing maker, God stitched together our very being—our personality, our DNA, and our appearance.

¹ <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-study-finds-jewelry-theft-or-loss-during-travel-has-doubled00870698.html#:~:text=Twenty%2Dseven%20percent%20of%20those,misplace%20or%20have%20jewelry%20stolen.>

- c. Every person, regardless of location, size, or ability, bears a wonderful stamp of God’s creative work. In verse 14, David wrote that he had been “remarkably and wondrously made.” The Hebrew word for “wonderful” is used throughout the Old Testament to refer to God’s creative and redemptive works. This knowledge moved David to praise God for His providential oversight over his life, even before he was born.
- d. Lastly, the Hebrew word for “formed” in verse 15 is the word for an embroiderer or something that has been embroidered. It communicates the immense skill required for a cloth weaver. This word is used in Exodus when God gave instructions for building the tabernacle, the place where God would meet with His people. We were designed wondrously to experience the wonderful presence of God.

2. God created everyone to be seen (Ps. 139:15-16).

- a. David highlighted not only that God made him, but that God saw him. In verses 15 and 16, David wrote, “My bones were not hidden from you,” and, “your eyes saw me when I was formless.”
- b. Many people live their lives feeling unseen by others. They battle physical, mental, and financial struggles that many people do not see. But this text shows us that God sees. Like Hagar discovered in Genesis 16, we can be assured that God is the God who sees us in our affliction and struggle. We were also created for the dignity of relationships, where we invite others into our lives to see and know us in all our vulnerability.

3. God created everyone to know Him (Ps. 139:17-18).

- a. In these two verses, David recounted his knowledge of God and His thoughts. These verses highlight the intimacy that David had with God. The Creator of the universe also created David, but He did not create David to live life apart from Him. Like David, we are created for an intimate relationship with God. We learn God’s thoughts from His Word and walking with His Spirit (Gal. 5:16).
- b. David’s words give the impression that to know God is to know His immediate and unshakable presence with us. David wrote, “When I wake up, I am still with you” (v. 18). Even through sleep, God never leaves David. It is a comforting truth that God knows us and never leaves us.

Conclusion

Psalm 139 reminds us that every person has value because God created them. Our value is not dependent on our standing in this world. Like the lost jewelry, each of us have value—but to be reunited with the God who made us is the only way to truly know and live out our value.

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