

What Are You Worth to God?

Psalms 139:1-16 (NIV)

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. ² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. ⁵ You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, ¹⁶ your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

1. WE ARE VALUABLE BECAUSE GOD KNOWS US.

v. 1 "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me."

- God knows everything about you.

v. 2 "You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar."

v. 3 "You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways."

v. 4 "Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord."

- In spite of His knowledge of you, God still values you.

Luke 12:7 (NKJV)

"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."

2. WE ARE VALUABLE BECAUSE GOD NEVER LETS US OUT OF HIS SIGHT.

v. 7-12 "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."

- No matter where we go, God values us enough to keep watch over us.
- No matter how far we stray, God values us enough to go after us.
- No matter how much we are confused, or discouraged, God values us enough to bring hope.

3. WE ARE VALUABLE EVEN BEFORE WE ARE BORN.

v. 13-16 "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

- God has plans for us long before we can make plans for ourselves.

Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NIV)

"The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'"

- If God values us this much, how can we stand by and let human life continue to be devalued?