



Deeper Life Notes

Faith Comes by Hearing: “Limitless Knowledge & Sovereign Power” (Psalm 139), Pastor Dan Osborn: January 26, 2020

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - Romans 10:17 ESV

“We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power**, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.” - EFCA Statement of Faith #1

READ: Psalm 139

***THREE COMFORTING TRUTHS ABOUT GOD FROM PSALM 139:**

1. GOD IS _____¹ (vv.1-6)

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me!² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. - Psalm 139:1-6

Therefore...

- a) Be captivated by the contrast of Creator and creation: v.1
 - i. Prayer - “O LORD...”
 - ii. Power - “LORD... you have known”
 - iii. Personal - “me” (see also Isaiah 57:15)
- b) Be motivated by and mindful of God’s limitless knowledge: vv.3-4
- c) Be welcoming of God’s ever-present hand: v.5

¹All-Knowing

²Charles Haddon Spurgeon, *The Treasure of David* (1861)

Bottom Line: God is awesomely incomprehensible but wonderfully present & preferred. Therefore, let us:

- Be filled with awe, so that we may not sin (**reverence**)
- Be filled with courage, so that we may not fear (**confidence**)
- Be filled with delight, so that we may not mourn (**careful conduct**)²

2. GOD IS _____³ PRESENT (vv.7-12)

⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

3. GOD IS SOVEREIGN (vv.13-18)

¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

***TWO CONCLUDING RESPONSES:**

1. HAVE A _____⁴ HATRED (vv.19-22)

¹⁹ Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me! ²⁰ They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain. ²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? ²² I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.

2. WELCOME GOD'S INTIMATE INPUT INTO YOUR LIFE (vv.23-24)

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

³ ALWAYS

⁴ HOLY

