

GOD UNDERSTANDS ME

LESSON EIGHT: PSALM 139; ACTS 17:24-31

The psalmist expresses the closeness he feels toward God when he realizes that God knows his personal uniqueness and is constantly with him. This psalm, in all its warmth, is a reminder of God's all-seeing and all-protecting care of the believer.

READ PSALM 139:1-6

1. What is the outcome of God's search of the life of the psalmist? How thorough is God's knowledge of us?

2. How does God discern the true meaning of the psalmist's words? How closely did the writer feel the presence of God?

3. How does the psalmist respond when he gains insight into God's all-knowing nature? What do these instances of God's intimate knowledge mean to you?

READ PSALM 139:7-12

4. How far-reaching is the presence of God, according to the psalmist's visual measurements?

5. How did the psalmist describe the purpose of God's presence? How penetrating is God's vision?

READ PSALM 139:13-18

6. How do human beings demonstrate the knowledge of God? As the psalmist gains this insight, what praise bursts forth?

7. On what was David's self-image based? How can you have this kind of self-image? Are you developing the potential God has given you?

8. How is God involved in prenatal development? What indicates God's foreknowledge? How does God continue His commitment after our birth? How does this knowledge assure you of your worth?

READ PSALM 139:19-24

9. Who were the enemies of the psalmist, and why did they stir up intense emotion in his heart? What thorough examination did he welcome? How did he reveal his surrender to God's plan?

READ ACTS 17:24-31

10. When Paul preached in Athens, the center of Greek mythology, how did he define God? How did he reinforce the psalmist's view that life begins with God? (Refer back to Psalm 139:13-14.)

11. Describe God's plan for equality and order among nations. Why do they seek Him? Why isn't the God-head like gold or silver?

12. What need does every person have before God? How is Jesus Christ the focus of Paul's message?

CONCLUSION

1. Describe the extent of God's knowledge of each person.

Psalm 139:1-4

2. How is the encompassing presence of God illustrated?

Psalm 139:8-12

3. How was God involved in the creation of man?

Psalm 139:13

Psalm 139:15

Psalm 139:16

APPLICATION

God's personal involvement with people is awesome. His all-knowing and all-encompassing presence is with believers. How will you respond to this truth? May Psalm 139 bring you person security through the knowledge of His love, protection, guidance, and salvation.