Psalm 139 – 1, Intro
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Well praise the Lord, we'll begin a new little sweet journey tonight, and you can go ahead and turn to Psalm 139. Our journey here, I thank God it's always a journey of thanksgiving, but as you begin to really know the Lord and how He loves us. And as you really begin to understand the scriptures in your life, not looking at your life, but looking at the word of God and then seeing the word of God in your life you realize that we are on a journey into the perfectly imperfect, and that's really what God has done for us; the perfectly imperfect. He made us perfectly imperfect to magnify Him. Aren't thankful? Praise the Lord, you know that, there's a lot of people that don't know that, and the reason is so that He would be what is strong in our life. He tells us in the word of God we have no strength, but He wants to be strong in our behalf. I thank the Lord that He's God and He's a God who wants us to meet Him. He's a God that wants us to love Him. Praise Him, bless the Lord oh my soul, and all that is within me. Isn't that so glorious that He made us for that? And then we're so thankful that we're perfectly imperfect it's all so that it's His all-powerful grace; His all-powerful grace to bring us into the shared glory, and the shared throne of His very own, and that's all through the perfectly imperfect. 01:47

Now, as we begin tonight, and this hundredth and ninety-ninth Psalm, it's so precious it's all set up by the last verse of the hundred and thirty-eighth Psalm. So, we're going to read from the hundredth and thirty-eighth Psalm, verse eight, and then I think you'll understand a lot more about what the hundredth and thirty-ninth Psalm is all about. The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me. Amen? That one LORD writeth upon me. In my thoughts, in my mind, always. The LORD will perfect that which concerns Me. There is no doubt, that's an absolute of God. Wonderful? thy mercy, O LORD, endureth forever. That's why He perfects that which concerns you because His mercy endures forever. It's always giving what you don't deserve. Hallelujah. Matter of fact He is the exact opposite of what He's got for us, praise the Lord? forsake not the works of thine own hands; that's what's so glorious. So, let's read that again as we begin. The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth forever: forsake not the works of thine own hands. Hallelujah, we're all His, this sets it up that we're all His praise God, and that He's the perfecter, and He will do it, and it's because His mercy is upon us forever. 03:26

Now we can read the hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm. O LORD, Thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O

LORD, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge, and that means such knowledge of You, of us, is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. 04:31

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. Can't get away, thank You Jesus. If I say, surely the darkness shall cover me; I'm sure you never said that. Even the night shall be light about me. He's something isn't He? Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shines as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee. See, there's no difference, it don't matter where we are, He's the same. For Thou has possessed My reins: did you notice that, that's done too. He's got them. Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Thy works; and that's about me. And that my soul knoweth right well. Yes, we do. 05:41

My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. I was woven together, specifically by Him, and for Him. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in the book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. That's a glorious thing saints. My lifetime, your lifetime; everything about you was created and predestinated. How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with Thee. Surely, Thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. For they speak against Thee wickedly, and Thine enemies take Thy name in vain. Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate Thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against Thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Search me, O God, know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. That's a glorious treasure trove of everything isn't it? Hallelujah. That's a joy unspeakable all the time I prayed that we just allow the Lord to carry us along in it, hallelujah. 07:29

Now, perfectly imperfect. Perfectly imperfect for only His perfection to be magnified. Didn't you love that in the hundred and thirty-eighth, verse eight? He said there He will perfect the works, and if you read that right He's going to prefect the works of His own hands. That's a glorious thing. We said it on Sunday, it's the way of the little. It's the way of the infirm, or the infirmities and the bible tells us so the power of Christ would rest upon us. Amen, and we know this. It's the best if it's His best, and the crown is one thing. It's going to be through the perfectly imperfect saints, it's going to be the way of mercy and grace alone; that's all it's ever going to be. 08:22

Now, we are made perfectly imperfect so that He will complete us; we're made for Him to complete, and He will perform it, and He will do it because He's promised us that. We know that the word of God says He promises us that because He says so that the glory would be of Me, or God, and not of men. And brothers and sisters, this treasure of grace's glory, think of that; the treasure of grace's glory is only found in us earthen lowly infirm vessels of mercy. That's it, that's where He put His full inheritance. That's where He put everything hallelujah that He loves. And here we have tonight the joy, and the rest, and the benefit, the beauty of knowing praise God, and knowing His knowing. See, what we're talking about, and what we're rejoicing is what He knows. You know what He knows? He knows you. And isn't that so sad often times people get a little bit concerned that God knows them. You really should be really glad that God knows you. You think about how sometimes people get all excited when someone's famous that knows them. Let me tell you something, God knows you. God loves you. God likes you. God cares for you. Did you read all that in the hundredth and thirty-ninth Psalm about what God thinks towards you? 10:06

And again, those thoughts, they can never again be exhausted. They're more, they're more, and more, more, and more. And so, what's so beautiful is that it's His knowing, it's His forming, it's His keeping, and He's always faithful to us. And we see He's always faithful to us no matter where, no matter what. Did you read all those places where I wrote in the most utter part of the sea whether I ascend up into heaven, or whether I made my bed in hell? He don't leave. He does not leave, and not only does He not leave, He's got you in His arm. He's got His arm around you, that's so beautiful. Now days, it's just well I'm going to kind of hang around. No, He's all over you, and we love this about our Lord. And the reason is, is because He made us for Himself. He made us for Him, every bit fashioned by, and did you read that word down in that fifteenth, sixteenth verse of the one thirty-nine there? Every bit of us He fashioned us by His will, His love, His hands, and it's all for His good pleasure. That's you. That's you, thank You Lord, and our heart because of His Spirit is quickened by it. 11:30

Now, turn on over to Romans Eight, and I'm praying we understand the depth this a little bit more as Paul's gospel takes us back and reads that, now we go back to Paul's gospel and read the steps of whom He foreknew, and to read about us in what he's told us here. And you go to Romans Eight in verse twenty-six it says likewise the Spirit helpeth our infirmities. The only one that's ever going to help your infirmities is the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost has got to quicken you always. He's got to quicken me always with that love shed abroad in my heart. It's all about Him. Brothers and sisters, we have to understand this, my Beloved is mine hallelujah, I am my Beloveds, and His desire is towards me. That's what's so beautiful, it's His desire, it's His love. So, we thank God that likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And I think that's such a joy to my heart, I don't have to know this because the thing I know is that the Spirit is for me. And the Spirit praise the God, It makes the utterings and groanings praise the Lord that I know cannot be uttered, but by faith I enter in, and

praise the Lord It speaks to my Father, and It speaks mysteries to my Father. And He that searches the hearts, there we go knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 13:31

That's all, you talk about backing, you talk about backing, and backing, and backing, and backing, and that's what we're singing tonight, that's what we're rejoicing in tonight. We got a crown. Before I came here tonight, I was in the house with my mom and my nephew Dan and I'm so grateful to God, and just encouraged again we only have the message of the crown. That's what He's given, and He's promised He'll perform it. And we have that quickening power of faith to just believe it. And we're not like men that looks on the outward appearance to try to judge it up and rate well, that looks like a bridal saint to me, or this one doesn't. Get over yourself. God is the God that looks on the heart, He's looking for faith. He's looking for those that believe Him. He's looking for someone needy like that woman at the well that gets excited; He told me everything about me. He knew everything about me. Think about how many people told her all her life everything about her, and in a way where she wanted to jump down the well. She was so excited coming into that house I'm sure that people were bewildered; what water were you drinking, huh? Oh my, I drank from a water I'll never have to drink again. 15:06

I'll tell you what, it's amazing what God can do, so now we're ready for verse twenty-eight because of again, this full backing we know; we know. Isn't that glorious, God tells us this. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God. James, Alex, Mark, Velma, Bill, Yvonne, on, and on, and on, and on and on, and on, and on. We know all things, not some, all things. This is the word of God; this is the word of God, what won't you take from it when He tells you how it is? See, those that wrestle with the scriptures they're always going to be unstable. Peter knew it because Peter was that guy. And whose scriptures, and who were they unstable with? Paul's gospel. Paul's gospel bothers people because Paul's gospel comes with one thing, all grace, full grace, all the time for everything. Everything, it never varies, it never wavers, it's grace. It's mercy saints, there's not one bit of work in this. It's either grace, or it's works, and hone in on it. 16:45

I love you, honeys, I do. You be aware. I don't care what names on it, I don't care whose names on it, by His Spirit if it's not all grace get rid of it. We know all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are the called according to His purpose. I just understand here tonight, I'm the awe. I have the privilege to be among that! It's glorious. I get what Brother Hill said for years, and years, and years, and years. And absolute honor and humbleness to my God, I am assembled with the aristocracy of forever. I commend you saints. As I said the Lord gave me that vision and I see it often. It'll be the greatest privilege and pleasure I ever have to see you receive your crown. Hallelujah. 17:58

So them who are the called according to His purpose, for whom He did foreknow; that's you. And we read in the hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm, he pretty foreknew you,

amen? Pretty much? Mold you, made you, fashioned you with His own hands. He didn't just speak you; He thought about you, oh how He thought about you, and you are wonderfully and fearfully made; every one of you for Him. As one star differs from another star in glory, all sons, hallelujah. Just twinkling. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the Image of His Son, the same, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called, and whom He called them He also justified, and whom He justified them He also glorified. I reckon that. Do you reckon that; do you count it? Hallelujah! And it was counted unto Him for righteousness; check the box in that account, what a glory. Now, we thank the Lord, don't we? 19:34

Now, praise God, the disciples, they really knew Who knew the hearts of men. Turn on over to Acts Chapter one, verse twenty-four. They were in a situation; it was funny on Sunday we were having communion and the ushers come up and said we're one short. I said man, I feel like I'm sitting there with the disciples and well guys, there's only eleven of us, we're one short. Well, those guys at least knew Who to ask. Praise God and who did they ask for? Brother Mitch. Brother Mitch showed up, and there he came. But I love this, so what did the disciples do when they were one short? You know, did they go to, you know we have to go and see who's got the best pedigree? Who went to the seminary, who got this little certificate? They went to God; they went to the One who knows the hearts. They didn't turn to man; they turned to God. Isn't that something? 20:36

And it says, you know what it says they did, it says they prayed. There's verse twenty-four, they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, and by the grace of God it was Matthias that was chosen to be one of the twelve. So, we see that the disciples knew that it's Jesus that knows the heart of men. And then Luke16:15 Jesus says My Father, God knows your heart. I think that's a testimony in a testifying you better pay attention to. Jesus says My Father knows your heart. In Jeremiah Twenty-twelve, it says God sees the heart. Now I want you to turn over to First Kings Chapter Eight, verse thirty-nine. This is Solomon in his prayer. In verse thirty-nine of chapter eight it says, then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men.) Aren't you thankful that we can leave all this up to God? He knows the hearts of men, I trust Him. I don't put my confidence in man whose breath is in his nostrils, but I'll tell you what, I put my confidence in God, and I put my confidence in the grace of God that is with you just like I put my confidence in the grace of God that's with me. That's the only place I have any confidence is in the grace of God. And I thank the Lord that that's what I am, what I am it's all by the grace of God. 22:28

Now, here's why, turn on over to Ezekiel Chapter Thirty-six, and here's why the Lord knows those hearts and the things that He knows. You go over to Ezekiel Chapter Thirty-six, and verse twenty-six because this is what God does. A new heart also will I

give you; isn't that glorious? Notice this, I want you to really read this with me here. A new heart also will I give you. You didn't go get it, you didn't make it, I gave it. I gave you that heart. So, He says I'll give it to you. And a new spirit, will I what? I put within you. Huh, and you know what? I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh. So, he got rid of all what needed to be got rid of, He put in what needed to be in there, huh? Listen to this, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes; really, You're going to cause me to do that? And ye shall keep my judgments and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to you, your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. Now, we understand He is speaking to Israel at this time, I understand that, but let me tell you something, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and with His promises, and with those that He foreknew, and then He predestinated, and called, hallelujah, and justified and glorified, He did the exact same thing, He gave you that heart; yes He did, and He give you the heart, and He put that spirit in you, and He caused you to walk in it. 24:28

Because those are the before ordained good works that ye walk in. I'll assure you, go back in and look at the word should and would. Oftentimes in the word of God that's an interpreter's choice; you do walk in it because He's for you. And you do walk in it, and I'm going to tell you why because all things work together for good for them that love God. So, if He wasn't walking through all that with you, and if He wasn't present with you when you ascend into heaven, or when you make your bed in hell, He's never bailed, and He'll never bail on you. And know that. Trust Him in that. Those are the ones that win, those are the ones that are the full overcomers of the Old Testament, they took that grace, they received that mercy, they said God chose me, I'm it, I believe Him, and they went on. And they went on and they stumbled, and they fumbled, and they failed, and all of these things, but they kept trusting God; they kept trusting God. And thank the Lord, they had people in their lives that encouraged them. God brought them in at the right time. I appreciated Brother James, you think about Abraham with Isaac, and there it was. Yeah, Abraham always encouraging his son, encouraging his son, all those things that Isaac sought, and it was wonderful, but he got a little bit lazy, and he thought well, it's Esau; no, it's not. Thank God, Isaac had a wife named Rebecca, and she came in there and said oh no, this is God's choice, this is who God loves; she knew that, and she trusted that. 26:13

Do you know that God loves you? Do you really know that? Do you read this and say man, God chose me? Because when you read this, thank You Jesus, the light goes on; you have that knowing. You have that understanding. We're not here going through this life to wave a palm, but by the grace of God I want to honor Him with everything, I want to give Him honor. I want to be in that company that says in Revelation Four that give Him glory, that give Him honor, that give Him power. And thank You Lord, you know this. You can't give anything you don't have. How could you not get excited about this? So, you thank God, and this is what's so beautiful is He does it. He gives you that heart, He gives you all that grace. Brothers and sisters, and the reason is because He said it, I'll have mercy upon whom I'll have mercy, I'll be gracious to whom I'll be gracious. This is God; this is God, and if you know the word of God, He wills that all men be saved, and

come to the full knowledge of what we're talking about tonight. It was there for all, but this is God who foreknew. And God is going to put those that He foreknew will be those full overcomers of the Old Testament or the New, He's going to put them in the place; He's going to put them in a place where they're going to grow up unto Him in all things. They're going to believe the Lord. They're going to have exactly that. He will accomplish it in the thing that He has sent it. Do you believe that? And do you believe that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever? He doesn't treat us any different. We just have a great and precious promise, we have a better thing, but He's still the same God, and He's the One that works it all. 28:12

So, now let's go ahead and go back to the hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm, and let's start; verse one. Oh Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me; searched and known me. Searched, it means to seek out for intimacy, it means to examine intimately. So, He searched you for intimacy, He's examined you before the foundation of the world in love, in love for intimacy. That's what He desires, alright? Now, that's just searched, now let's move on to known. The word know means He's wise about. But this known goes much further than that, it's the knowing of a husband and wife. This is the knowing of a consummation; this is the knowing sexually. Yes, it is. This is the Lord using the deepest words of the most intimate of relationship that we could know as men and women to reveal unto and describe His desire, and His knowing of us. And by the way, that knowing means He foresaw it, and He expected it. It's so glorious, He foresaw it, and He expected it. He waited for it, and then I want you to notice this brothers and sisters. He searched me, Thou hast searched me and known me. This is all past tense, this is done. This is done, so this search and known praise the Lord, He foreknew what would be, and what would be with you, and with me. 30:07

He has always know us intimately. Who He foreknew, them He predestinated. Thank You Lord, let it all flow. And brothers and sisters I'll tell you what, we're going to learn even more, we were made for His good pleasure. That's what we were made for. This is a God that speak anything He wanted, but He wants this intimacy, He wants this love, He wants this passion, and He wants this relationship. He wants this one that will share equally with Him His glory, His throne, His everything and it's merited only by one thing; grace. Isn't that something? I'll tell you what, that's got to take a lot of faith, isn't it? It does, but it's really not a hard thing, and I'll tell you why. Because faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. How could we not hear this and believe, amen? Because He's given you an ear to hear what the Spirit says to these churches, amen? And you've got an ear what He hears from Philadelphia, Philadelphia. We have an ear to hear that He's opened, and no man can shut that door, He can open heaven for us. And I know that's not hard for Him, He did that for Enoch, He did that for Elijah. He did it for those ones He said, you know what, I'm going to open these graves, these full overcomers that have overcome. I'm going to open them up and they're going to come up with Me. They're My friend, they're going to receive their body. And here we are, and we thank the Lord. Do you know what? We're this assembling of this remnant that praise be to God there's a first trumpet rapture coming, and I'll be there. 32:12

Now, this is how He makes it known to us, it's the intimacy of this word. And brothers and sisters we can say now, and God, He has graced us. You think about the things He shows us and tells us in that depth of love in the Song Of Solomon with the Shulamite and the Bridegroom, and brothers and sisters He uses these things naturally speaking that it's our bed, the beauty that He describes of her physically, all the different things. The intimacy that He has, but what will be; what will it be? He's just using this for us and it's mighty, but what it will be? So much more than we ask or think, so much more than enters into our hearts, but by His Spirit. I'll tell you what. I think we all kind of get to that place Paul, I kind of know what you're saying, it is not worthy to be uttered. 33:24

Yes, it's the height of what a man and a woman share that we can understand and perceive in love. And that's what's beautiful about this, this is the language that He speaks through this psalmist David. And praise be to God for us, we understand this is the language of jointly ruling and reigning with the companion of His spouse, that's what this language is. And I want you to think of this too as we close tonight, remember this is a psalm; this is a song, and this is the song of David. Do you know what David's name is? Beloved. This is the song of the beloved. Do you remember our study from Song Of Solomon? Beloved means lover, this is the song of the lover. And the Lord's song to us Shulamites if you will, or the Shulamite as one is my Beloved is my lover. And this song brothers and sisters is all for first love; first love fellowship and encouragement, and to remain it. And you say well, that's true but I want you to know the reason we can say that is because of the very last two verses of this hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm, and I want to close with that thought. 34:52

What He's singing to us through all of this, and what He's telling us how we're made and what we're made for, and how He knows us, and what He was knowing us for was this intimacy, and this intimacy that He foreknew in us, and was waiting for, and expected from ages past praise the Lord that this is what this first love fellowship, and to remain in it because David says in verse twenty-three, he says back to him search me O God, know my heart, try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. And what David is saying there about the wicked way, what that means is idols. What it means is other loves that would be something that would separate from God's best. David warned his own son Solomon about that didn't he? David was the mark of the perfect hearted king. And as it went on to say about Solomon, and all of the wonderful things, it was like the Lord was saying, but I have one thing against thee, Solomon, you left your first love. And what turned his heart were the gods and the idols of the women in his life. He couldn't blame them, but they turned his heart because he entangled himself in that fellowship. God help us never to turn our fellowship into the idols, and I'm talking about idols of legality, I'm talking about idols of bitterness, there's a lot of idols out there that can turn us very quickly saints from first love. And I thank God that it searched me O Lord for first love. 36:55

And notice this, lead me in the way everlasting. This is very sweet, that everlasting means changeless. Everlasting what David is speaking of is everlasting God, okay? The

word of God in the Old Testament refers to our Lord with many different names. El Shaddi, Elohim, but this one everlasting God is El Olam'; El Olam'. It's found four times in the word of God, and I'd like to close with this. In Genesis Twenty-one Thirty-three, and this is so sweet because remember, David is asking the Lord, Lord, lead me in this, keep me in this everlasting with You. In this way keep me in this first love. In Gen 21:33 this is the very first time El Olam' comes up, the everlasting God. And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God. 38:16

Now, if you go on over to Psalm Chapter ninety, verse two. That's Psalm Ninety, verse two, we're going to read about the everlasting Gode again, El Olam. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. So, He is the everlasting God, Alpha Omega. And he's telling the Lord, Lord, lead me in the way of the everlasting, and Who is and what is God; He's love. So, you have to go to two more verses to really capture this. Jeremiah Chapter Thirty-one. The Lord is so beautiful, His word is so good. In Jer 31:3 thinking of the everlasting God, the everlasting love, the LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. 39:35

And then we finish tonight in Ephesians Chapter One, and verse four. According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, everlasting, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. And I'm going to tell you, look up that word should; we are because He did it, and I thank the Lord, that's the grace of God that's with us. Praise His name. So, here we begin in Psalm 139, hallelujah. Let's stand and be dismissed. 40:26