Psalm 139 – 2
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Bible Text: Psalm 138:8, 139:1-2 ...

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Let's open up our bibles to Psalm 139. And we'll begin reading from Psalm 138, verse eight. The LORD will perfect that which concerns me: is that you? I pray you know it is; He's talking about you. The Lord will perfect that which concerns me. Thy mercy, O LORD, endures forever. Okay vessel of mercy, praise the Lord. Forsake not the works of thine own hand. How beautiful. Boy, what a buffet in one verse; it's everything I'll tell you. You get that and you got it. He perfects it, He completes it, He does it all doesn't He, amen? It's all by His mercy, amen? And it's forever, it's not contingent, and praise the Lord He's not going to forsake the works of His hands which is you. 01:06

Now, I'm ready for Psalm 139. I'm ready to believe it, I'm ready to receive everything about it. And what we delve into last week is He longs for the first love fellowship, and He confirms this to us in verse one we're in. He says, O LORD, thou hast searched me and known me. This is on the fly, He's enjoying you from ages past. He's enjoying you before He set a star in heaven. He's been waiting for this. Isn't that something how long He's been waiting? And think about how He's searched us and knows us. And I thank God it was never for judgment. What we know about this, is this was always for intimacy; this is what this all means everything about verse one. He goes right to the depth of it immediately. It was for intimacy, it was for wedlock, He saw us before the foundation of the world in love. It doesn't say He loved us from the foundation of the world, it says He saw us in love. Isn't that gorgeous? Yes, come on, at least get romantic with the LORD. But He saw us in love before the foundation of the world; He is serious about you. This is all for you. Everything is ours, everything is for our sake, the word of God even goes forward and tells us these things. And it's because this is His desire because He's God. And He's God, and He says I'll be gracious to whom I'll be gracious, I'll have mercy upon whom I'll have mercy. 02:56

Now, think of what we are hearing, and think of what we have received. Do you think God has been gracious to you. And He's not just talking for this lifetime, and He's talking for eternity with you. And He's telling you eternity with you isn't just about the future, it was even all about the past. This is how He's always been with you, He's just been waiting for you. So, He desires brothers and sisters because He's serious about us He desires the true worshipper, this vessel that worships in spirit and truth that's truly willing to, and is thankful to add to the usefulness of the husband. Just by us speaking in fellowshipping in the bridal truth we're adding to the usefulness to the husband. You understand that, right? That's His whole purpose. This is the height, this is His crowning, and this is His glory comes from this message. This is the message that was given to Paul that completes Jesus Christ. There couldn't be anything more adding to the usefulness of Him than for us to be in this fellowship of the gospel of the crown. And that

is in preaching it, receiving it, abiding in it, resting in it, praying for one another in it, and on, and on, and on, and on in Christ. 04:20

So, Jesus by His grace, and in Jesus' name Lord help us by faith to respond, and to respond in thanksgiving, not responding in what can I do. Not responding in what is my gift but responding in thanksgiving responding in praise to Him. Responding back to Him in the full assurance of the grace that is for us. And know what we've heard over these last years, grace has commanded us, and grace has placed us in this espousal; in this espousal with Jesus Christ; marriage with Him. That's what Paul's gospel has done, it has espoused you to Christ. Don't cringe, say thank You Jesus.; just say thank You Jesus. You have it. That's all, it's the same trait of every life that's found in Hebrews Eleven. The said thank You Jesus. They didn't wait for the promise; they embraced the promise as it was now. It's now, it's always now. We have it now and He'll bring that faith, He'll make it sight. Praise God? Praise God. 05:46

So, we come to verse two. Thou knowest my downsitting and my uprising, thou understands my thoughts afar off, and I thank the Lord for this, and I thank the Lord for this because on this earth the one in a way that really knows my uprising and my down setting is that lady right back there, and she especially knows my down setting; pray for her. And you know, that's where God comes to us in this first verse with this intimacy, and I'm talking about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, very God of very God. He knows us, and the Lord wants us to realize, and grow in appreciation of how beautifully, wonderfully, and perfect He knows us, and He made us for His own. He made us for His own, and I thank the Lord, and He's just such a beautiful Lord. I think about people, some people they get married, and we've all heard this, and I know it's on both sides, but sometimes more from a female than a male on this one. I'm going to change Him, and we're going to get married, and I'll change him. I've heard that believe it or not, and I look at them and say that doesn't work, that will not happen, and more important than that is I really thought that you got married to somebody because you loved the person just like they are? And by the grace of God, you would want to grow with them in that love, amen? 07:32

Well, I thank the Lord that's the beauty of our Jesus, and that's how He's drawn to you. He loves us, and He loves us just the way we are, and He wants to grow with you, and He does; that's why He's in you. That's how He grows with you, His very life that we would grow up into Him in all things, amen? We grow from glory to glory into the very image of Him? So let me tell you something, that ain't you, that's Christ in you. That's Christ in you, that's that new man life in you. And again, that is the beauty of Jesus Christ, He loves you, and He's drawn to you just the way you are. You are beautiful to Him in His eyes of grace and mercy; that's what's beautiful to Him. He's always been that way. You fit perfectly, think of this, this is why you hear this message, you fit perfectly in His plan of mercy and grace. You fit perfectly in the plan of His mercy and grace, okay? That's a glorious thing isn't it. You meet lots of Christians, you have lots of family in the family of God, and it's precious, and you love them. But they don't have the vision, and the praise of the mercy and the grace of God that the Lord has given you, because you wouldn't be

hearing this gospel if you didn't. And you won't continue to hear this gospel if you don't love His grace and mercy and increase in it. Because if you go with Jesus Christ the Bridegroom you're going to go into one thing, you're going to grow in grace, and in a knowledge of your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It's going to get more immense, and more immense in the grace of God. It never does flatline, and it certainly will not dimmish. But when you go on with Him, you'll grow in more love of the grace of God. You'll grow in more depth of the beauty of the mercy of the Lord upon your life. 09:34

And you'll thank Him as we start into verse eight. And He will perfect that which concerns me: thy mercy, O LORD, endures forever. See, He perfects what concerns you with His mercy which you didn't deserve. It's the exact opposite of what you should get. That's how He prefects everything in your life. It's not anything you earned; it's not anything you deserve; it's because He loves you, and He cannot deny Himself, you. And thank You Lord how He loves us like that, but see, He's given us this knowledge, and this full knowledge truly of this unmerited ravished heart of His agape love that is to us all because we fit the plan of His grace and mercy. 10:30

Now, I want you to really listen to this. He wants to change the new man in you. The new man in you, that's what He wants to change from glory to glory. He wants to grow up the new man in you into Him in all things. It's not changing Jesse; it's not changing Jesse, it's changing, praise God, it's growing Christ in Jesse; it's a big difference. See, we don't come on the outside in, it's all on the inside. It's all on the inside, and then by the grace of God this outside becomes "sinecere", or apparent in all that's seen that's the inside. That's the glory, and we thank God that that is always the glory. And it's growing, it's changing Christ in me into that perfect, into the complete, into the fulness of what He's freely given you. And He's already given it, hasn't He? Because we were born what? Lord of all. We have it all. We've been blessed with a few things, most things. We have been blessed with all things in Him. In the heavens in Christ, everything's there. 12:03

So, we have all of this and all it needs is to do is to grow. All it needs to do is change from glory to glory into His very image. Turn on over to Colossians Chapter Three. Let's read Colossians Chapter Three, verse nine. And this is very sweet even it's so sweet as it starts out. This is talking about our fellowship with one another here, and again the supplying that God has given us in this incredible grace that He's bestowed upon us vessels of mercy that we supply to one another. So, in verse nine it says lie not one to another, so let's not lie to each other, and what are to not lie about? Seeing that you have put off the old man and his deeds. That's gone, that's done. Thank You Lord, I was thankful John Hill came in my office, he said you know I did this, and this, and this, but that's not me. He didn't lie to me, it wasn't him, amen? That's right and listen to this. So, lie not one to another seeing that ye have put off; that's done, amen? It's not being done, it's not I hope to get it done, it's done. It's finished. When you were born of God, bam! All things have been made new. You don't sin, neither can you sin. 13:43

And so, the one thing we have done here, or He's done it for us is that ye have put off the old man and his deeds, and that's done. Not asking us to, it's done, and you have put on the new man. Amen, that's done which is renewed, or changed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him. So, I want you to read this with me again, and have put on the new man which is renewed, or continues by the grace of God to grow up; that's what that renewed, and how? In knowledge after the image of Him that created him. See again, it's all about Christ in us, the hope of glory. The One who created us put His own life in us, which is His life, and the only life we have. And here we go on as we grow in the knowledge after the image of Him that created him. How beautiful. What a rest, what a joy, what a comfort that again the reason that we have been blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavens in Christ is because Christ Jesus just lives in you; that's why. And that's why, and we have all the favor of God, we have all the favor of heaven because of that life that lives in us. Nothing to do with us; complete grace, complete mercy all because that transaction was made all by the blood of the Lamb. The new man lives in me, and that's it. 15:38

So, as I talked about the panes of glass up there, the windowpane never changes, it's just the more glorious as the light that shines through it. That light becomes more bright, more incredibly as we see that day approaching. And now by growing in the knowledge of Christ in us, the hope of glory, that mind praise God it's renewed, it grows, and it changes, hallelujah from glory to glory into His very image after the image of Him that created him. That's faith, that's a glorious, beautiful faith. Do you believe that you have every bit of Jesus Christ that lives in you, every bit? Didn't He freely give you all things with His Son? He did. He gave you His very life, and His life lives in you, and that life, by the grace of God, not only lives in you, it can grow up to the measure, and the stature, and the fulness of Him, the complete maturity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is incredible, but that's the word of God, and you don't feel like it, but grace doesn't care because the election of God is just that. And we can wrestle with it for a bit, but I'll tell you what, each and every one of has been touched in the thigh bone; He won. Jacob, you're wrestling for something far less that I've already given you, and by the way I call you Israel 17:30

We started off in way for something far less than we ever thought the Lord would ever give us; ha-ha! And by the way, I call you My wife. It's incredible, and it's written on you. The word of God says here back in the hundred and thirty-nineth Psalm, Thou understands my thought afar off. That afar off speaks of time, it speaks of eternity always. He's always known you. He's known your thought. How many times have we said in life, that person doesn't understand me; no one understands me, Well, Somebody does, His name is Jesus, He understands you, and He always has, and He understands you again from Alpha Omega, before you ever were, He knew and He understood you, He understands why you think like you do, how you arrive at the thoughts that you have. It's all open before Him because He sees you. Because once again, as it says as we started off, He made us with His own hand. 18:43

So, have you noticed just in these first couple verses by the way, He sought you for intimacy, it's very similar to if you will to the Song Of Solomon, verse one-one; you're married. You're married to Him; He brings you all the way through there. Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth, it's our bed, and now we're going to grow. And so here we are in this verse one, He tells us He's already known us, He seen us, and it's all in this beauty of this intimacy that He has divinely given and in His promise to us, hallelujah. So, in that He sought you for intimacy, He knows you completely, every aspect of your life. He understands what fives you rest, and doesn't, He understands what makes you sad and makes you happy. He understands your thoughts before they ever were, or happened, and yet again He never says He wants you to change them, or work on them. Uh-uh, He say let this mind be in you. And we're reading about the mind, but He wants us to have amen? And He says not thoughts of peace and love, and power of that sound mind. This ius what brings the sound mind saints, doesn't it? 20:29

Doesn't this give you, it is, it's the peace that passes all understanding is growing in the love of Christ. Turn on over to Isaiah Chapter Forty-three. Boy, let this comfort your heart, how glorious this is. Isaiah, Chapter forty-three. But now thus saith the LORD that created thee. Isn't that something? Now here we go, but now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee. He's really going at it. O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. Now keep that, keep that, but you say He's talking about Israel, He's talking about Jacob. He's going to tell you He's talking about you; you got to get to verse seven. When thou passest through the waters, I'll be with thee; through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walks through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee; that's you. You've been through a lot of things, but this is you in His hand. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. So, He gave countries the full power for the ones He loved, alright? Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore, will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. He'll take people out for you. It doesn't matter, He'll destroy as He's shown us in the word of God, He took out civilizations just for a few. 22:42

Fear not, for I am with thee. I will bring thy seed from the east and gather thee from the west. He has your kids. He has all your generations. I will say to the north, give up; I will say to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; there you go. Even every one that is called by My name: for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. Verse ten. Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me and understand that I am He. So, think of what He did there, I chose you that you would know Me, believe Me, and understand that I am He. That's you. Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. Now, that's powerful; that's powerful, and brothers and sisters that is His mind for us. And that's the mind praise God, His mind, His all loving and assuring word, that's His mind, by the grace of God we let it come and dwell, and think in us, and I'll tell you what, that new man changes from glory

to glory into the very image, and the fulness, and the measure, and the stature of Him. You know, you stand, you withstand and having it all you stand. 24:37

And there's a greater joy that builds as you're running that racecourse, as that outward man perishes, the inward man is renewed, it's changed day by day. And I thank the Lord, I can testify to you, He gave me another second wind, and I'm grateful to God. And it has more joy with it, it has more peace, and thanks be to God, He's increased His faith in me, hallelujah. Now, He loves us saints, doesn't He? And He loves you, and this is in a precious way because He made you, and He knows you, and He created you for Him, and He foreknew; again, this is all the foreknowledge of God, because He willed this for all men, but He knew all wouldn't. But whom He foreknew, them He predestinated. And this is His choice, grace's choice for us, and He's commanded grace to do this, hallelujah. 25:55

So, He loves you just the way you are, and as we sweetly read through the whole hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm, He loves you just the way you are imperfect; imperfect, right? And there's a beauty to that because He's draw to the imperfect; that's what He adores. He is drawn to the weak. You thank the Lord whether it was Gideon who was the less of the least, whether it was David. He was the runt of the liter forgotten by his dad, and despised by his brothers, huh? The Samaritan woman by the well, she was even rejected by the disciples themselves. They would not go over with Jesus to her, only Jesus would go to her. Whether it was that precious woman at His feet, the one who chose the better part. And there's that sweet Martha was there, but this one chose the better part. Jesus has always been drawn to that. Thank You Lord, amen? Vessels of mercy receive His everlasting desire. That's the riches of His glory is His desire doing, really understand that. I pray we do. The midst of the throne just comes with it, glorified together with Him just comes with it; it all comes with the desire. We got that from Esther, didn't we? Right? She got the throne because you're it. You're highly favored just because my love for you exceeds all the other women. They all came in but it's you, huh? 27:48

You received the appointment at the well just like Rebbeca. There were others that went that day, but it was her at that moment, at that time, that was met with that message, that proposal, that Bridegroom. Thank You Jesus, and that truly is it, and this is how precise and exact, and beautiful our Lord is. And as we go through each one of these verses, it just grows and grows, and truly how divine your life is. How predestinated His desire is upon you. And here we are at really the culmination added; this is it. We've come into this full knowledge of it, and by the grace of God, Lord let this be the last cut. There's been a cutting away, and a cutting away, but I thank God He circled us out. We've been reading about the rainbow, the circle, the cloud of witness, this circle. Everything is circled around us. As I said not too long ago it was the diamond that is cut in that circle; that oval is the most valuable, and the reason is because the majority of it had to be cut away to get the circle. Other shapes, it's a lesser of a cut, but when you're going for that oval, that

circle, more of it is sacrificed, more of it is cut away. He must increase, and I must decrease. 29:46

And I believe saints, because of the grace of God that's with us is there anything more beautiful than Him increasing in your life, and you decreasing? I mean for you, not to show your brother or sister in the Lord, but really for you. Which your brother and sister in the Lord enjoy, and they thank God, and then any moment there is this bristle, at any moment there's even a little bit of private comes up, the Lord in His grace, you really just say Lord, just take that away. This is all grace saints; we're just the benefactors that we're at the end of it. We had ones that came in and they'd pull out all the stumps, they plowed all the ground. I guess we're just like Ruth. Just go pick it up, just go out there in the field and pick it up, it's all there for you, it's all waiting. It's okay, you don't have to feel bad. Let that be the other guy that wants to feel good about himself about feeling bad. Feeling guilty, that oh I got more than the other because it's there for all. It's there for all, you just got touched with the beauty of His mercy that enlightened your eyes to see it. 31:27

Now, the vessels of mercy receive His everlasting desire. And that grace brothers and sisters is the catalyst, it's the power, the grace that caused us to see it, it is the power that changes a heart. It's never the Lord's forcing us, it's never us forcing us. Love, His divine love transforms you. Its' cause you to desire Him. You can't help it. You have to go after it. There isn't enough money they could give me. Thank the Lord, and I do, I give God all the glory. There's many years ago, and I remember before I was called to be your pastor, and I never heard Brother Hill say this, but I guess he was discussing with some saints about you know just a thought of who would be the pastor of this church. And I guess my name came up, and he said he would be a fine pastor, but he's got that business. God gave me a wonderful business, but it was so precious because even my own wife as we were flying back from Mexico after the Lord had already touched my heart and had already anointed me to be your pastor. Remember, I had to the entertaining angels in the next door, they were praying over me before I got back here. But she turned to me and she says, what are you going to do about your business? How are you going to do both is what she said exactly? How are you going to be a pastor and do your business? I said it was simple; I won't do both, I said I'm just going to be a pastor, the business will be taken care of. 33:31

Thirty days from, I landed, coming back, that business was sold; that was a miracle. That was an absolute miracle. God did that, and maybe I am so simple and stupid, and that's okay. I've testified to you walking around that lake and Hamburg, and the Lord said this isn't for you. I told Polly we're going home. Well, what are you going to do? I don't know, but the Lord took care of it. We live this, this is what lives in us, this is the faith of the Son of God, and I thank the Lord every one of us has the sweetest of story because it's His story because He authored and finished your faith; He authored and finished it. Does He do anything that's not well, that's not right, that's not perfect? He'll meet you to the faith that He knows you'll receive, amen? Aren't you thankful that He's meeting you with this faith, it's everything. He changed your life, changed the course of your life. And

I know a lot of it isn't easy when there always comes a lot of hurt with it, and I hurt for you. 35:17

And that's what we know. And this desire is just so beautiful that we would do it again, and again, and again, and again, and again. Now we trust Him, amen? By Your grace; by Your grace Lord. Our faith has not been made sight yet, so we continue on. But we are confident in His grace to perform it, and we are confident that we will apprehend that which has already apprehended us for it. Let's close this up tonight. 36:13

Now, in the gospels, many places it says Jesus knew what the Pharisees were thinking in their hearts; Jesus knows, He Just knows, doesn't He, and that's who He is. 1Chronicles 28:1 tells us God knows all man's hearts; He knows them all. There isn't anything that's hid from Him. We go on over to Hebrews 4:12, and this is one of our praises in rejoicing to the Lord because we know what this all powerful sword that discerns is discerning in us for, but it says in Hebrews 4:12, for the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. How many times in the word of God have we already read He really wants us to know He know us, and He knows us in so many levels from seeing us in love before the foundation of the world that was made with His hands, that's He's already searched our thoughts, and the intent of our heart; that's done, this isn't an ongoing process, it's already done. 37:51

And He's just the beneficiary of the beauty of what He's been waiting for that He could embrace this grace and mercy that's being received by us. So, it goes on to say in verse thirteen, neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Now, that's a big thing there. Eyes that open to Him whom we have to do. As we close this, and we know the intent of His knowing, and we started it from verse one. His intent of knowing us is for intimacy, it's for marriage, that's what this is all for. It's the deepest love, He's not searching us for fault, or imperfections. It's beautiful because that's the perfect, that's the beauty with Him is my weakness. He's not searching me for the imperfection, He's drawn to the imperfection. He's in love with the imperfection, He's ravished with it; it's glorious, I'm thinking of a kind of funny movie where this man was drawn to women that necessarily attractive, but he saw them very attractive. 39:42

Well, you're attractive to Jesus. Matter of fact He gave up all that He had for you. Everything, and His desire and His affection I will say this, it's the only desire and affection that matters. It's the only desire and affection that will ever matter. I'm thankful, and truly I know we have children and spouses, and all that, but aren't you thankful you love one another with the love of Jesus? See, that's forever, that's beyond our natural love, and God gives us this sweet natural love. We love our children, we love our spouses, we love our grandbabies; it's incredible. They're our crown, even the word of God says that. I got to write that in little Franky's one year old card; he's my crown. Children's children are the

crown of old men; I guess I've arrived. But then there's the forever love, and that's what we pray for our children, and our grandchildren, and all of our generations. You pray out if the Lord tarry for all your generations? You should; they did in the word of God. That word of God that dwells in you that all my generations would love the Lord with all their hearts, soul and might. That if You tarry Jesus, that there wouldn't be a one of them that would ever miss the message of the crown. You never, I don't pray for them for success, or money, or power, or anything of that, this is everything. He'll take care of everything else, and whether they're a fisherman, or tax collector, a doctor it doesn't matter, just call them Jesus. Choose them, let them be Your own. 41:54

So, we know that He is after us, and searching us because He's drawn to our weakness, that's what ravishes Him. He's seeking us to understand what He wants is you. It's all He wants is you. Think again of Esther standing before the king. She's talking about all this other stuff that she would hope that he would be interested in. You know, could you help these people, or help me with this situation? It's all about his desire to her. Honey, I don't know what you're really saying, but whatever it is I'm good with it. What's mine is yours. This is ours, and when I say it's ours it's not that you just get to enjoy this, you're going to rule and reign jointly together with me. See, that wasn't, she was requesting something, but what she was really put in place with him saying it's yours, uh-uh, you're, ruling this with me. You understand that? Did you really ever see what he granted her, and what he agreed with her at that moment? That was reigning over the kingdom, and you know what he said to her? I'm good with that. We're one. 43:29

Lord, Thou hast searched me, Thou hast known me. Thou knowest my downsitting, and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar. He knows why I think like I do, He understands all my life, my experiences, my DNA, my hurts, my triumphs, my insecurities, my sweet spots; all my reactions, all my attentions bad, or good He's known them forever. And He still loves you, and I'm still the called according to His purpose because it's by grace through faith. And just think again, that's there for all men, not just all Christians; that's there for all men. I would be that all men be saved and come to the full knowledge; the full intimate knowledge, that's what that means as a husband and wife with Me, with Jesus Christ, that's what He said. And it's all there for everyone, but by grace by faith. The thing that matters is you believe it. As thou hast believed, so be it done unto you. He's called, He's chosen, He's justified, He's sanctified, and He's glorified and He will perform it. No matter what it looks like, no matter if it's come to the very end of it, what did He give you? What did He say that He'd perform? What did you take from Him? Let Him perform it. Thank You Jesus, let's stand and be dismissed. 45:28