Psalm 139 - 4
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Let's open our bibles back up to the one hundred and thirtieth-ninth Psalm. And let's just begin reading as the Lord has encouraged from the hundred and thirty-eighth Psalm from verse eight. I kind of think of that eighth verse as the springboard of the hundred and thirty-ninth. The Lord will perfect that which concerns me. Thy mercy oh Lord endureth forever. And you see right there the encouragement again, and I thank the Lord, I will praise Him forever, and ever for His mercy that endures forever. And this is why He perfects everything that concerns you is because His mercy endures forever, praise God. Praise God, let me tell you something, you fall in love with that, you begin to really praise Him with that, your life will be such a life of manifold blessings. It'll cause you to do the things you'd never imagine you could do. It'll take and occupy your thoughts, your mind, your time, that the things that used to distract you, occupy you; well, you just don't give them much thought anymore because something has come into reign. The Lord will perfect that which concerns me, Thy mercy O LORD, endures forever: forsake not the works of Thine own hands. O LORD, thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understands my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. 02:08

Now, that's where we ended last week, and we have been told and thank You Jesus, it has been confirmed He thoroughly knows every detail about us, amen? Because He knows His product, He knows His love; He knows His love, yes, He does. And His foreknowledge of what He formed with His hand is exact, and it is perfect for Him. You're perfect for Him, you ever thought of that? You are perfect for Him. Glory to Jesus. How do you know you're perfect for Him? Well, when He gave you the message, that completes Him; the Apostle Paul said that. What was given to him was for us to fulfill the word of God, which means to complete Jesus Christ, and here she is; you are perfect for Him. Now, why wouldn't you be? He made you; He formed you; He knew you; He searched you; He knows everything about you. And then by the graced of God in all of that foreknowledge He predestinated, and here we are tonight at this moment praise God filled with all the fulness of God. It's glorious saints, and He promises to us all grace. How could you not be sufficient in everything because you have all grace? And you got it always. So, we have all grace, we have all mercy, we have all His faithfulness continually to us because the word of God says I can't deny Myself. 04:05

And you know that, that He can't deny Himself you to a height praise the Lord that surpasses knowledge because that is that depth of the love of Christ. We know as we began this study, and thanking the Lord because of the Apostle Paul and the message that was given to him for us this is His intimate fellowship. We thank the Lord that this is all past tense, He has searched and known, and He has waited, and I'll say it like this, He has waited for her, He's waited an eternity to have us. He's waited an eternity for this

time, and as the word praise God has been spoken to us, and as the word praise God has been revealed and been made known to the hearts of us who would receive the fulness of it. Saints, I was so grateful to God on Sunday to have that message, and to really see in real time in such grace. There was Moses standing before Israel and giving them the instruction of their promise as they were slaves in Egypt, and God spoke to them: I have given you this, this is yours, you will inherit this. And it didn't have anybody's name on it, but it was to all of them. But we know there are only two that were there that took it personally. 05:45

And here we are, again the word of God spoken to us whether it was by the Apostle Paul speaking to us how many ways does the Lord love us, but especially there in Second Timothy Four where he says about that crown; there's laid up for me a crown of righteousness, the exalted rank of righteousness, but not unto me only, but to all them also that love His appearing also. Just as Moses sat and read them their promise, there was Paul. And then we have a double portion because the disciple John. Praise God, taken up into heaven and shown, and revealed, and he ministered of our place. He, matter of fact ministered of our appearance bowing down worshipping that wondrous bride. See that you do it not John, huh? redeemed just like you. This is incredible. So, praise the Lord we come to verse four, and if it's not enough that He knows our thoughts, and He knows our ways before they ever occur, verse four says, for there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. 07:26

Now, the beauty of this is that the Lord knew it altogether. Before a star was ever set in heaven He knows every bit of utterance out of our mouth, out of our heart; He knows it all together. This means He expected it, it didn't surprise Him, oh no. And it also means that He wanted it, He wanted it to be made known. Now, I take this very personally, and I believe you do too. I think of the words that came out, and I will use this as an example again. Peter, you think he liked those words coming out of his mouth: I don't know Him? I don't know Who that is when Jesus said you're going to deny Me three times? You think he liked those words coming out of his mouth when I'm confident he cursed, and he said I DON'T KNOW HIM! The Lord knew those words would come; the Lord expected them to come. The Lord made known for those words to come out of Peter, I think of the words that have come out of these lips. I'm talking about words as Peter's words that weren't necessarily to the praise of His grace. And anger, fear, bitterness, but He knew; but He knew. 09:05

And what He's saying here again is that He still brings all the profit, and He still brings all the benefit to even those things. Those things have to be. Those things had to be said by me to get me to get me to this place where I am with my Lord and Saviour right now, that by the grace of God I'm in tune praise His name with His mercy, and I am alive and remaining, and by the grace of God in first love with my Bridegroom Jesus. And that's why I love how He says, and Thou knowest it altogether. He knows my speech is a sympathy to Him. Everything that's come out of this heart, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. In the time there wasn't a lot of nice abundance coming out of

this heart. But the Lord has shown and revealed this, and expected it, and He's made it known to me to understand He still loves me, that He expected it, and He knew it and I didn't disappoint Him. He was waiting there to give me the more grace. He was there to let me know that it's all You Jesus. That there's nothing good in me, it's just because of Your undeserved love to me. 10:43

But then I thank the Lord, because of that encouragement, because of the mercy of the Lord, all the praise He puts in our lips. See, without those things that Peter went through, you think Peter would have ever been prepared to the upper room and receive the Holy Ghost, huh? Think of how quickly that change was made. Do you think Peter would have ever been ready to go and to speak with such boldness, and to be encouraged? But, then as Peter's life went on there he was encouraging those Jews to go back, and to basically; I should say those ones he was ministering to, he was saying okay, well, you know, here comes the Pharisees and them, so we better go back and practice the ways that we did back you know in the Old Testament times. Do you think he regretted saying those words? But those words even be needed to be spoken again, and the reason they needed to be spoken again is he would be ready to write in Second Peter, there are many things that are spoken of the Apostle Paul that are hard to be understood by them that wrestle with the scriptures, because he needed to know that. He had to be a wrestler of the scripture before he could tell you I really didn't understand very well because I wrestled with what Brother Paul was talking about which was all grace. 12:16

So, we thank the Lord, don't we together that these are the things and the instances we go through that there's been this praise that now has been put on our lips. The utterance of the Spirit, the mysteries that by the grace of God, we that are filled with the Holy Ghost that we speak to our Father. How about the conversations that you have even in the car with the lover of your soul? I'm talking about conversations of our future together. You talk about your future together with Jesus? The plans that He's made? Thanking God for the anticipation that's in your heart, and that's in His? The glory of speaking with Him? When do you think Abba Father, our Dad is going to say go get her? And there's a glorious depth into that, and I'm just being led into something I know He's going to break forth again in that regard of what I just said there. But see, we're getting ready for a time brothers and sisters that we're going to enter into the forever to the glory of His name because He's going to have His wife, the wife of the Lamb of God. 13:37

So, now you ready? It's all because of this all-powerful verse five that we're going to go into tonight, and I'll read it with you here because this is for us kings to search out a matter, and here we go. Thou hast beset me behind and before and laid thine hand upon me. Now, this word beset, it means besieged; it means enclosed. In Christ my fortress, my God, amen? The prisoner of Jesus Christ, the lover of our soul? How about in the Song Of Soloman, turn there where praise God the Bridegroom speaks in chapter four, verse twelve, and this is what He says about her. A garden enclosed is my

sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. See, that is the enclosure of Him. We are the prisoner of His love. A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. This is the vessel praise God that's only for the Master's use. And we thank the Lord that He is beset, but it's even more than that. This word beset means pressed, cut, and formed. So, think of that. The Lord as it says here, Thou has beset me. The Lord has pressed me, He's cut me, and He's formed. That's depth of what that beset means. 15:29

Now, get ready for this. The word is behind. So, thou hast cut, formed, and pressed me from behind. Now Jesus doesn't just have our back. I have a neighbor, he's in the military, and every time I go, he says, I got your six. You know, six is on the back, so I kind of like that. I tell him when he goes, I got your six and I love that. But yeah, we know He's got us behind, but this is even more. This behind means the end, or the future; it means the end or the future, so I want you think how this reads. He has pressed, done. He has cut us, done. He has formed us, done for the future. Is that not the truth? Amen, that's the truth. He set behind me to cut, press, and form me for the future. The joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross. He was always about what was to come. It was always about praise God the fulness of the bride that He would have. 16:42

I thank the Lord as I was being encouraged of heart, by the grace of God I fit the wedding garments. I'm ready to go to the wedding feast with my Husband Jesus right now. It's just like the stones that were set in the temple. Do you remember they were perfectly cut weren't they? Where? Outside the temple, before a stone was ever brought into that temple to build Solomon's temple, before any stone was ever brought in it was perfectly cut, it never had to be cut again. It fit, and it was set perfectly in the place it was meant for. And I want you to think about that, all it needed to be, was set in place because we're going to go right back to that here in a minute. We are all ready, we are just waiting to be set in place saints. The wife hath made herself ready, I am just waiting by the grace of God to be set in the midst of the throne with Him, and it's all because of the grace of God. It's all because of what I am apprehended of, and for, and by. I understand by the grace of God that I'm living right now the manifestation of what He has already purposed for my life, and that's the faith in love praise God. That brings this in reality to my heart. 18:17

Now, let's go to the word before. So, we have behind, and now before. We know that the Lord does go before us. He sets a lamp unto our feet, He is the path, we know all these precious things, but there's even more here. That word before, it means before time. So not only did we have the end, or the future, now He's been set before us meaning before in time; ancient, Alpha. Yes, in Christ He pressed us and cut us, and formed us. Let's go back and read in Ephesians Chapter One, verse four. It says, according as He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. So, this again is before time, before anything started, before anything was created; everything was created for this. 19:30

That again that we should be holy, and without blame before Him in love, and why? Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children. And we know that that adoption of children means the mature sons; the word is Hulios. So, we've been predestinated into the mature sons by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will. Is that not what we're reading in Psalms 139 is the good pleasure of His will? His hands that made you and formed you, and that He perfects everything that concerns you because you are the glory of His mercy? Begin to praise Him for this, brothers and sisters. But see, in Christ in love He pressed, and cut, and formed us because whom He foreknew them He did predestinate. Let's go back over to Romans Eight, and let's read it and rejoice. And this is kind of like starting with Psalm 138:8. Here's another version; it's called Romans 8:28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. For whom he did foreknow, that's you. He also did predestinate to be conformed; that means the same, to the measure, the stature, and the fulness of Him unto a perfect man, complete, amen. To the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 21:32

`Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called: done, and whom He called, them He also justified: done. And whom He justified, them He also glorified; done. What shall we say then to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? The charge of best of its kind, the charge of God's mature son. It is God that justifieth. How many assurances do we need saints, huh? And see, as it started out this is to the ones that know. See, He's speaking to the ones that know. We're like in His chamber, and here's the word of God, and He stars it out, and we know. See, you can read Romans 8:28, but do you know; are you of the we that know? No really, are you of the we that know? 23:09

And do you know all the verses then that follow? Are you that we that know? Are you the we that know you are the called according to His purpose. Are you the we that know that in His foreknowledge you're predestinated? Huh, called, justified and glorified; are you of that we know? I pray to God so, that's what we gathered here is we're the we know. By the grace of God, I'm confident in the Lord, we're all them also. Those of I'll write upon Him my new name. We just like Him written upon us, amen? Praise God, that's the glory. So, we do thank Him together for this and rejoice because praise be to God, when He said He predestinated; whom He foreknew He predestinated I love this. You talk about eternal life we got it in Him, Alpha Omega, set before and behind, cut, press, and forming us from beginning to the future? Stones cut so perfectly that they're set right in the place that there's no variousness, huh? He knows, doesn't He? He foreknows every child of God what they will take. 24:46

He's not wondering, it's there for all, and for all men even. He said I would be that all men be saved, amen? It was all there, but the Lord knows who will take him as Saviour, who won't. And I'll tell you what, the Father knows who His wife is, oh yes He does; oh yes He does. Because when that Father sent that servant to go get that wife, the servant

even said what if I don't? just go. That sweetheart had the divine appointment at the well at 2:02 PM. I don't know when it was, but you know what I'm saying, and there wasn't anybody going to disturb her; it was just going to be her, and that was going to be it. There wasn't anybody else in the family, there wasn't any other friend, it wasn't anybody but Rebekah; that was it, and we know. Do you think Rebekah doubted? No way because within about thirty minutes I'll go, put them on me, I'm a prisoner right now; cuff me. Come on. This is how this this is, and it's glorious. 26:04

Now, it even gets a little better because we come back to the hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm. So, it says here that, Thou hast beset me behind and before. Think of how encompassing. You'd think really His thought towards you are more than the sand, more that the stars in heaven? Think of how detailed He's telling you all of the layers of every verse and every meaning. This is why you just come to it, you just say okay Lord, by Your Spirit open it up you know, so get this. So again, He has beset me behind, and He has set me before, and laid Thy hand upon me. 26:50

Now, laid Thy hand. We love that again encapsulated by Him, surrounded by Him, protected by Him. The name of Jesus, we run into that tower and we're safe, amen. But we even understand in this intimacy, and this knowing of what He wanted us for that there was even more. This word laid means to set in place. Isn't that glorious, isn't that what we just read about the stone being ready to be set in place? well, that's what laid means, to be Laid by hand? The word laid means to set in place. He did all this before, and He did it all for our future to set us in place; this was always to set us in place, amen? What do you think the story of Esther is all about? Was that just an accident? No, it was a perfect path, it was a perfect plan; it was predestinated of God that woman was going to have that tragedy, and her family have to go to her relatives at the exact time that the queen started acting up, that they would call for these women in this little community. Come in here because the king is going to take another queen. 28:15

And so, she comes in there not knowing anything, but she did have a wonderful, sweet encouragement; take only what the keeper of the women say. Don't bring anything, and matter of fact she couldn't anyways because she didn't know anything. Just go in there ignorant and he'll give you everything. That's why it's faith like a child; you just trust Him; that's what mercy and grace is all about. It never ends; you just trust Him. You never get puffed up in your own imagination, that's what the Apostle Paul, the revelations, the knowledge that he was receiving, he realized the Lord had to give him that precious thorn. With all the knowledge, with all that I have been receiving, Paul, if I remove that thorn from you, if I didn't expose what was really in you son, if I didn't do and allow, and not just allow, but will. The word of God is the will of God. If I didn't will for Peter's life to deny Me three times, if I didn't will for David to be looking out of his place, and having Bathsheba to say, hey look, I'm going to go take a bath on the top of this house. Perfect timing? Always, always; That's why you're here. Perfect timing. Perfect timing, after perfect timing, after perfect timing, after perfect timing. But He set her in place to be queen. He set us in place. 30:04

I do, my sweet sister Lynn taking notes. I know you're taking notes sweetheart; I love you. But I think about your life. I think about the perfect timing of her life. They have a postman that wasn't really up to any good to come by and do not any good with Lynn, but God. And she had to come all the way up from Texas to go to DU to study Chinese. That's as crazy as Esther winding up in the palace. Let's be honest, amen? Huh? It takes that kind of stuff. It takes tragedies directing every one of our lives here. That's why I say, He's authoring and finishing your faith, and it's the faith of the Son of God. And it never goes wrong. He's going to meet you; He's going to meet you with the faith that He knows that you'll receive of His, because it's His faith and that's why we have what we have; the most holy, and I thank Him. And I realize it, I'm with you, we're in the front of the line, we're the most mercy vessel. You're not there, if you don't think you're the most mercy vessel, you're not there. All them also that I only be found having His righteousness? God forbid I'd be found having any of mine own self-righteousness of the law. Any shred that I think I did something, I married something; He did it all. He did it all. 32:16

So, He laid the hand; laid He means to be set in place. And then we know praise God, we've been set in place for the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in in Christ Jesus. And then the beauty of that hand, see, laid His hand it means the hollow of His hand, the palm specifically. That did it all, the holes in His hand? The mercy, right? Any of us deserve Him getting up there on that cross? Drive that into My hand. Promise, come on over here, come put them in, they're real, they're all for you Son. I'm yours, you don't believe Me but I'm still yours. You talk about a hollowed hand; you could see right through it. And that's what sets you in place. That's what sets you in place. But even a little more depth as we close this up tonight. Laid mine hand, it means to collect, to put together, and to make equal. To collect, to put together, till we all come to the unity of the faith, and then to make equal, huh? 33:53

Alright, let's end with a couple verse here tonight. Let's go to First Thessalonians Chapter Four, verse sixteen. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; that's collecting. And, then we which are alive; oh, there's some more collecting, and remain shall be caught up together. Well, there's putting together something; that's quite an assortment wouldn't you say? Smyrna and Philadelphia getting together. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. And there isn't anything more comforting than that really is there? That is the God of all comfort, that is the Holy Ghost, the Comforter that was given that gives us this full assurance of what we have been pressed, cut, and formed for; our future. We got a meeting in the air, oh yes, we do. And then so again, to collect to put together so we got to talk about to make equal. So, we have to go back to Romans Eight, don't we? 35:31

And Romans Eight we already read that we'd be conformed to His image didn't we? Made the same, huh? 3544 In Ephesians we could go back over there, and we could

even say that that word of His grace speaking the truth in love it grows us up unto Him in all things? To the measure, the stature, the fulness? Why does the word of God give us that specificity about growing up into Him, because it is exact? It is that full maturity. It is the bride, the wife of the Lamb of God. It's the Song of Solomon, it's the Shulamite; she's of full age. She's His desire, passion, praise be to God like we studied and read verse one, chapter one. They're married; it starts out in matrimony. They're in their bed together in chapter one. Don't forget these things. We need to give the more earnest heed to the things we had heard lest at any time we should let them slip. Let them just continue to build up. 36:54

And Romans Eight, verse seventeen to collect, to put together, and to make equal. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; that's that sugkleronomos, as husband and wife. if so be that we suffer with him, here we go, that we may be also glorified together. That translates exalted to the same glory, made equal, amen? wasn't that Esther? And that was such a precious encouragement to my heart thinking about when she came unto the king when she wasn't supposed to, but she was already the queen, they had already set the crown on her head, and that's what's so beautiful in his eyes, and in his heart she didn't have an appointed time to come to me, you just come to me; you're my desire. I'm excited every time you come see me. And there she came in and had a request, but it wasn't a request because she was already ruling and reigning with him. What she said was going to be it; was it not? Was her request not fulfilled? And then he said what's mine is yours. 38:23

It's ours to make equal, the woman is the glory of man. I'll show you the bride, the Lamb's wife, come on John, we got to go up to a high mountain and look up. And there she was descending having the glory of God and her light. So, if we suffer with Him that we may also be exalted to the same glory with Him in verse eighteen, how could we leave it out? For I reckon the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed, not a maybe, not a might, but shall be revealed in us to collect, to put together, and to make equal. No wonder as you go back to the hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm, verse six David says such knowledge, such knowledge is too wonderful for me. It is high, I cannot attain unto it. Well, let's stand and be dismissed. 40:00