Psalms 139 – 9
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Bible Text: Psalm 139:14 ...

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Let's go ahead and open our bibles to the hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm, and let's just begin with the thankfulness of praise that we read there in verse fourteen where David just says, I will praise Thee. I will take of the cup of salvation and drink it. I will praise Thee. It's just so overwhelming, it was so overwhelming to him, but yet here we have the depth of the mystery of what he was ministering; I will praise Thee. You love Me like that? You've loved Me like that from beginning, for eternity? What else could I say but I will praise Thee; I will praise Thee. And I praise thee because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. 01:02

I am fearfully made, made to reverence and honor. Yes, and dear Lord, help us to absorb how You made us, You made us to reverence and honor. Those words are the words of marriage, they are the words of the spouse. That's not something in a sense, yes, we grow into it, we grow up unto Him in all things, but brothers and sisters He has to give you that; He has to. Every good gift is from above. Everything is of Him, from Him, due Him, to Him, and you hear these words that we're fearfully made, we're made to reverence; we're made to honor Him. We were made for matrimony; that's what we were made for. Let this stick in here tonight because we're going to really allow the Holy Ghost to shed this love abroad. 02:06

We remain just like Eve taken out of Adam. She was made for one thing, his wife. That's what she was made for. She didn't come out as a baby, un-un, she didn't come out as anything but a wife, and she was presented to Adam as his wife. And then you think of wonderfully again. So, we were made to reverence and honor. We were made for matrimony, and we were also wonderfully made distinct, marked out, and set apart from beginning. This is you, this is God's foreknowledge, and His predestination of our lives. This is the love we read of that His love for us exceeded all the other women. He knew that, He saw that, He was drawn to that, and there was nothing else that would ever substitute, it was that goodly pearl. By the grace of God, He's made you the vessel only for the Master's use. And we know praise God, we really do know that this is how God works; this is how God works, It's all for His good pleasure, He is God. 03:32

And remember this again saints, God is love; He's love, so the pleasure that He wants, and He desires is the height of love. And He made us, and He revealed Himself in everything by the grace of God that He's given to us, but especially in family, the closest part; the most intimate part, and the height of a love in a family should be; should be between a husband and wife. It makes love permeate throughout the household. It causes children to grow up into love, and to love one another. Everything comes from that. It's

the example, it's the encouragement, and that's why this whole purpose of God, and God's love is again for His good pleasure. 04:31

Now, His desire brothers and sisters is as we're seeing all throughout the word of God all because of that wonderful gospel that was given to Paul for us, His desire is for marriage. That is the joy that was set before our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that He endured the cross. That's the beautiful rib portion pierced side as He was upon that cross. That's what He would have. If salvation was it, if salvation was the only thing that was offered which is still exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think, what would have been the need then for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost? What would have been the need then for Paul's gospel? The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world it was already given. The blood was there. The testimony of that, and praise be to God He did come, was made one with us, and He died and rose again. 05:30

And if that would have been more than enough for us, but not for Him, because there was a desire, because this is the God Who is love, and this is the God Who is all about His good pleasure. Turn to Isaiah 54:5. Let's listen to what God says here because He is the maker, and in fifty-four five He says, for thy Maker is thine husband. Now this is God, and this is speaking of Israel; thy Maker is thy husband. The husband made her. Do you see that, do you receive that? That is what Israel is made for. Israel is made for and will be and will always be the wife for the Father; she was made to marry the Father. How glorious, God made Israel to marry Him. And God formed us, and God made us to marry His Son. Oh yes, that's the truth. This is the grace of God that we have. 06:54

Now, let's go back one thirty-nine and let's read from verse seventeen. How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! And think of all the things that He has just said, and again as we catapulted into the hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm from Psalm 138:8, the LORD will perfect that which concerns me. He'll accomplish, He'll finish, He'll complete, and He'll perfect it with godly perfection. What's going to be missed? Thank You Jesus. He's going to meet us with the faith that He knew that we would receive, that He knew would develop in our lives, that He knew praise God would be fed, thank You Jesus, the gospel; Paul's gospel that has espoused us, that has married us to Jesus. Thank You Lord as it all just continues to be laid out before us. 08:09

But before we begin to get into maybe some of the details here let us ask ourselves going back to that verse, how precious also is Thy thoughts unto me O God? How great is the sum of them. I ask the question to myself, and to you, what is that means to us? What does it mean what the Lord thinks of you, huh? If the answer isn't everything, then we missed it. And especially when He's already told us what He thinks of us. How He's made us, how He's completely affixed upon us, how everything would for His good pleasure was purposed in us in Christ. That Christ in you is the hope of glory. These are not just mere words on a page, these aren't just scriptures. I can remember that, and I can know where that is. Actually, I could quote you know; I'm not saying I can, I can't but

I know there's some. They can know exactly the chapter, they know the book, they know the verse, they know all these things, and I commend you. But is it real here. Oh, you have faith to move mountains, well, let me explain something to you that the word of God will explain to you. If you don't have any love, it profits you nothing. I could know all mysteries, I could understand every detail of bible truth, but if I don't have love that profits me nothing. 09:48

Brothers and sisters, we can go through motions; we can go through motions even naturally speaking. I don't want to just be occupying space in my relationship with my wife, I want to be in love. I want to be in love, there's a difference, but this the love by the grace of God we need to be in. And I can't force myself; I can't make myself, but the thing is we're hearing the gospel, and He said that faith comes by hearing, and hearing comes by the word of God. And the beautiful thing about that is as you have believed, so be it done unto you. And if He tells me He'll perform the good work which He's begun in me, you know sisters I've heard this over all these years, you know what's happened? I believe it; it's mine, and I'm in love with it. I'm in love with Him, and there's joy, and I'm thankful, and I'm free, and you are too because I see it looking back at me. 11:25

So, if the answer isn't does it matter what the Lord thinks of us, it that isn't everything to us, we missed it. See, and I think we all can testify, we need His thoughts to be our sole value in our esteem in this life; has to be. I guess I just speak for me. You know, they just say about men, we have such egos; I know a few women too. But we understand real quickly I think if we're honest with ourselves no matter what our ego is, and how great we think we are, we're not. We look for validation, we look for people to give us value in a lot of ways. This is the value of everything, is His thoughts to you; it's everything, and it really is. And I honestly tell you, I'm in the front of the line in this, and saints by the grace of God we need to be secure in Jesus; secure in Jesus because it'd take care of every insecurity that's in your life. 12:45

It's been a journey; it's been a real tough journey. These last five years has been I'm telling you, like a vortex of this in my life, and to bring it to a point, Lord You're my esteem. My accreditation is You; my validation is You. And I thank the Lord, you know sometimes we can get so overwhelmed to try to be approved by everybody else. How many times in life, I've got to get the ball over the goal line again. I've got to achieve this; I've got to do that; He did it all. He did it all. Now, is His desire, and His thinking of us is that everything? And I believe it is, you know why? Because we have this gospel. He wouldn't give you this gospel if He didn't know that you'd receive it. He gave you the ear to hear it, didn't He? He that hath an ear, He gave you that ear. He gives it to you. 14:01

Now, going on with this, if we're looking to anyone else's thoughts for our validation, aren't you thankful that we can promise one another someday that's not going to be enough? Someday that might not even be there you know? My sweet mom called me her joy boy. If the Lord tarry mom, and you precede me, who's going to call me joy

boy anymore? I promise you no matter who you look at for that validation, it won't be enough. And some day it won't be there because God will see fit it won't be there that you see it's only Him, that He's the one that's always there, and He'll do that, and that's a stripping; it's a chiseling, isn't it, and it hurts, but it's necessary, and we're thankful. And brothers and sisters you know it's His thoughts; it's His thoughts. And the reason it's His thoughts and I love this, He said I do when He made you. He said I do when He made you. He made you to reverence Him. He made you to honor Him, He made you to marry Him; He had to make you to marry Him. He had to make you to save you, and He had to make you to marry you. 16:00

Now, this is some glorious stuff, but we understand that there's an enemy, and that enemy trying hard, hard, hard to turn our thoughts and our desires of who we are in Christ and turn them to the things of this life. Oh yes, we know that. That's all of us, but we must be settled, amen? We must be settled; we must be secure and thankful as Christians that we are not our own. I am so thankful I am not my own, I am His responsibility. Whew, that really, that took a lot of pressure off me that I know that I'm His responsibility. That He will perform it, that He will accomplish it, that He'll do it. Where is your confidence? He is full of what? Grace and truth. So, our confidence is in grace. Our confidence is in the word of His grace, and I'm confident in the word of His grace that will build me up and give me an inheritance among all them that are sanctified; praise the Lord? Oh, praise the Lord. I'm learning to lean, I'm learning to lean upon that breast. If I'm going to come out of the wilderness one way, it's going to be leaning on Him. It is a glorious thing. praise be to God. We need to be settled we died, and now we're born of God. That's a glorious thing, that's victory. That's victory when you know that you've died, and yet now Christ lives in you. 17:56

We must be settled in that and thank Jesus that we are His. That we're aliens to this life. Aren't you getting more thankful about that? You quit looking up twenty-three and me, you don't want to have anything to do with that anymore. I need to find out where I'm from, and all it is I don't want to know. Every time I look into that, oh my, no matter I'm such a mess. Our citizenship is in heaven. I love my family, oh I love my family, and it's growing, and we are now seated in the heavens in Christ. But we thank the Lord even most of all we belong to Jesus; now I belong to Jesus, Jesus belongs to me. I am my Beloved's, and His desire is toward me. How could we not receive the truth in this, amen? How could we not receive the layers; it's of kings to search out a matter. We come in here by the grace of God knowing that anointing, knowing that election of God. We couldn't be anything but kings. Born of God, praise the Lord, we are born Lord of all, period. Period. And we thank the Lord that God has given us such grace that we did not want to remain a servant in the palace, and that will be in my mentality. We were built to rule and reign with Him. I made you to marry Me. 20:08

Now, with all that said, with all that as David said, I will praise Thee. Let's go on and get a little more light tonight in this verse seventeen. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me. Precious means prized, prized thoughts. How about the mark for the

prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus' thoughts? We couldn't ever have that thought, It has to be His thought. I couldn't ever think that highly, only He could. So these are the thoughts they're how precious, they are the prized thoughts, they are also esteemed thoughts, they're valuable thoughts, and they're heavy thoughts. Isn't that glorious? His thoughts are so heavy it's an exceeding eternal weight of glory; that's how heavy it is. Oh, what a crown, hallelujah. Marvelous, no wonder she has to have a neck like a tower. But you think, you think of what He says all these things, but He kinds of continues to put it together. You don't realize honey how heavy My thoughts are toward you. 21:50

Then, it says here, how precious also are thy thoughts unto me. Now, this is so wonderful because this incorporates great, great, how great they are, how strong and mighty they are. See, this is power, His thoughts towards us are powerful; I mean all powerful. How powerful is when He tells you, you are the apple of His eye? How powerful is that, how powerful is it when He tells you as He told, well He told Satan, have you seen My servant, Job? See, that's a thought towards us, and that's how He see us. His thoughts are always for us, His thoughts as He says I'll perfect that which concerns you. I'm not thinking about the old dummy that I'm going to stir up here to be a tempter, because that's going to magnify Me, you watch honey. And you can't be what you are going to be; not what you can be, what you're going to be in Me; going to be in Me, unless I do this which I'm going to do this because this is all the predestinated work of what I have been talking about all the way through. 23:16

So, here's My thoughts: hey, Satan, have you seen My servant Job, huh? And here's My thoughts, I'm going to lift the hedge, but you're hot going to take his life; oh no. Un-un, you're not going to do that because that would defeat the whole purpose of the work that I'm going to do in him that He's going to be my overcomer that's going to be right there in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. So, hallelujah, how wonderful. How thankful I am, how powerful are those thoughts. But I rejoice with you because we go over the Revelation chapter four, and verse nine, and we read about how powerful the thoughts towards us. Powerful, thoughts of power; that's what this means. Alright? So, here we are by the grace of God we call it in the future, but He incorporates all time, and His word is done, so are we living in Cannan now or not? Are we calling those things which be not as though they were? Well, thanks be to God I'm standing with my brethren in the midst of the throne. 24:47

And here's the beauty of it, we give glory to God, and here we are giving glory to God in verse nine, and when those beasts give glory, and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne. And we sure do, don't we? I'm not waiting for that, that's now. We're giving Him glory, and thanks, and honour right now, hallelujah that sat on the throne, Who liveth forever and ever. When that occurs, praise be to God our brethren in that eleventh chapter of Hebrews, they're seated around about that throne room right now. Those four and twenty elders, they fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and they worship Him that liveth forever and ever, and they cast their crowns before the throne, and they say

Thou art worthy O Lord, to receive glory; take me Jesus, to receive honour, hallelujah what we've been made to Him, but I think we read about that earlier didn't we? You're fearfully made to reverend and honour. See He made you to give Him what He wants. So, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: you see His thoughts towards us how powerful they are? And they're powerful for Him because He cannot have that throne until He has His glory, and His honour to share that power of ruling and reigning jointly together with Him. 26:42

Praise the Lord. I'm satisfied, I'm secure with His thoughts. How about you, amen? Thank You Lord, thank You Lord, thank You Lord, thank You Lord. So, I don't want to stop right there because, for Thou hast created all things. What have we been reading about in Psalm 1:39 in creating us; what He created us for? What He was thinking about in creating us. Why we are, and were created? For Him, to marry Him. And this is the revelation of it, this is the apocalypse, this is the unveiling of it, thank the Lord. For thou hast created all things, and here's why all things were created. And this is why we've been rejoicing, that the desire, us for Him preceded everything, then sprung out of that all creation. He created time, He created light, He created the earth, He created the heavens, He created everything from that. And here He tells you, and Thou hast created all things, and why? for Thy pleasure they are and were created. 28:15

All those things were created, not those things are His pleasure, they were created for thy pleasure. Because what are those overcomers of the Old Testament, those Old Testament worthies, what are they seeing, what are they rejoicing in? the pleasure. The pleasure that's at His right hand forever more; His wife. And they're rejoicing, and they're just prophesying what's already been known which is all of this everything was made, everything was created for this, for her, and, and for you to be together. For You to have your wife, and that's not the end, that's the beginning of the exceeding riches of His grace and His kindness toward us forever and ever. Isn't this beautiful? You just sit in awe and stand there and say thank You Lord. And we have so many manifold blessings of this to thank the Lord, because we have a thing called life. And it really eats at us, and it gets us down. But that's the beauty of the battle because this is the shining everything. This is the purpose of all of it, this is why everything even exists; it's for Him to have us. Praise be to God. 29:56

Now, let's go on. The thoughts of His word of His grace builds the masterpiece. The thoughts of the word of His grace build the masterpiece that Paul spoke of to the Ephesian elders. We need grace upon grace built in us. That's His thoughts, everything towards us is grace, everything for us, to us is grace. That's His thoughts. That's His mind. That's what mind we need to have; is, let this mind be in you which also was in Christ Jesus. We need those thoughts of grace to build in our lives. And that's how we get to the last word here as He says in verse seventeen, O God! how great is the sum of them! So now we have all of them, but now we have the total of them which by the grace of God we just saw right there in the midst of the throne that even those worthies were thrown off their crown saying, and bowing down. This is just too much, we can't contain

ourselves. You have everything that you ever wanted; there she is. This is your glory. But the sum means the height as stars. 31:18

We are the Esther to the King. His love exceeds all the others to us. This word sum means the height, it is infinite. This isn't someone that just loves you for a while, un-un; this love is eternal. This love is past, present, and future; always. He said I do when He made you, this is His love. This love He has for us extends and is greater than anything that could ever be counted, or fathomed. And brothers and sisters let's see that glory in us that He sees, amen? Let's see that glory in us that He sees. So often we want to focus on the flesh, and sadly there's teachers, and there's preachers that will get you to focus on your flesh; you won't hear that here; not by the grace of God, you won't. 32:35

I was rejoicing with a brother; you need to turn over here and just think of this how the Lord is protected us that His thoughts are our thoughts. In First Timothy, chapter one, verse nine, and I love it again that the Lord tells us that we know this. You know this, you understand that? Sometimes, again we get insecure, we don't think we know, but you know. You may not feel like it, but you know and here's what you know in verse nine. We know this and we continue to know this, this is a knowing; this is important. It's vitally important, that the law is not made for a righteous man. Are you a righteous man? ARE YOU A RIGHTEOUS MAN? By the grace of God you are because you have been made the very righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Are you fully righteous? Are you completely righteous. Now we grow up in this righteousness, but it's just like a child. I got little Frank in my house; he's all human. He's all human. He can act like a lot of things, he can bark like a dog, and do different things in the house, but he's all human, and he's going to grow up soon, by the grace of God, amen? 34:13

So. He's made us that, and we are fully righteous, and we're holy, and we're blameless, and all that, so see, this is what we know, and we continue. Did you get that; continue to know it? Don't forget it, don't ever forget this because not continuing to know it, not continuing to stand in it you'll stumble; you'll hurt yourself, and you can hurt others God forbid. But knowing this that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless, and the disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy, profane, murderers of fathers, murderers of mothers, manslayers, whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine. But we're not of that, we're not of them because we're righteous. Thank the Lord. And He tells us again the law and the ordinances which was contrary to us have been nailed to the cross. 35:34

So now, this encouragement that we have as we go through this, is if you really want this growth in your life, if you really want this, I guess we'll just say a change even in our action, yield to the truth in love, yield to the truth in love. How many times have we even heard about men and women, especially a man that might have been no good, whatever it is, but he falls in love with a woman, and you know he changes. And not because she's trying to change him because that never works, but love changes you.

Love changes you. I've seen love for a child change a man and a woman, completely so self-absorbed and all of that, but then here comes a baby. I thought I loved this and this, and this, but oh no, now; now I love. We need to understand this that He has completely freed us from the law. He has completely freed you from the flesh because you're now of the Spirit. That's truth, that's the truth. This doesn't define you. This is not who I am. 37:05

All of this does matter because by the grace of God we wake up to this, we'll begin to grow up into that new man, fully into that new man. You'll appreciate as your life changes from glory to glory into His very image, and these are the thoughts by the grace of God that I have to have for myself, these are the thoughts by the grace of God I need to have for you always, continually, and thanking the Lord for it, that you know what? We're holy and righteous, and blameless, and we were made to marry Him. Boy, that would settle a lot of disputes maybe, or problems that maybe as brothers would have with one another if we really would just kind of say now wait a second. That brother right there, and that sister, and that brother right there, and that brother back there, they're all made to marry Jesus. I don't think I should be holding that grudge; I don't think I should be resentful; I think I can get down a hole real fast. 38:18

So, brothers and sisters, His thought only towards us are all about glory with Him. They're all about us giving Him His power, His throne; think of this. His thoughts to us are about us giving Him His power, His throne, His reigning, we're the height of everything to Him. He even has us, and shows us we'll be descending from heaven having His glory. We'll get into this verse next week, but think of this, how lofty these thoughts are. And here how lofty it says, but in verse eighteen if I should count them. So, remember, we read tonight how precious, great, mighty, high; all of that, the sum of them, but if I should count them, they are more in number than the sand. When I awake, I am still with Thee. Brothers and sisters, these aren't just thoughts, they're not in a sense just God's thoughts, this is the entire purpose of being God's thoughts. This is the entire purpose of the being of God, these are His thoughts. They're us for Him, they're us with Him, and they're endless. Rest in that tonight, amen? Just rest in that, it's almost too much. But He even knows that. We got to have a body like unto His own. And I think it's coming soon, don't you think? 40:25

Even that little brother that reached out to me that was the very first thing he said before he was really remorseful about something so much of the things that have transpired these last years of his life. He said pastor, I have a feeling the Lord's coming soon. I text him back, I said well isn't that something, we have the same feeling. And I said it's more than a feeling, as a matter of fact it's a promise and I'm thankful that that life right there, just like a lot of lives, people have already cast away and cast off because you're not good enough; you didn't live good enough. I'm thankful by the grace of God, and I really do believe this, and I can say it, I'll not be surprised He's in that throne. Nah, because all I see anymore is grace what you think Scott. Isn't it wonderful brother? I had

no right to ever be in that place, but I'm glad I'm there. Soon, let's stand and be dismissed.

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