

A Life Ordained of God

Psalm 139: 14-18

We have read a portion of one of my favorite passages of Scripture. This is a Psalm of David, a Psalm of praise and worship to the Lord for His omnipotent power and sovereign hand in the lives of men. It is evident that David stood amazed at the very nature of God.

Our lives are fragile and filled with uncertainty. I am sure we have all experienced the “ups and downs” of life. There have been seasons of joy and there have been seasons of despair. There have been moments of victory as well as moments of defeat. Life is ever changing, and yet there is one constant in our lives that never changes and that is the presence and provision of God. David realized there was nothing about his life that God wasn't aware of. He knew the smallest of details and even the innermost secrets, [Vv.1-6](#). That is a humbling thought. There is nothing in our lives that God doesn't see and know. That is also a very comforting thought. God is aware of us in every situation and every circumstance.

As I considered the text, I was reminded of the life we have been given in the Lord. For those who have been born again, life has taken on new meaning and direction. We have been resurrected a new creature in Christ. We also need to realize every life is given of God and it is precious. He desires a relationship with all who are born in this life.

I want to take a few moments to consider the life we have in Christ. Our lives are complex, but they are directed from above. Let's look at the [characteristics](#) of: [A Life Ordained of God](#).

I. A Precious Life (14) – *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully [and wonderfully made](#): [marvellous are thy works](#); and *that my soul knoweth right well*. We live in an age with much debate concerning human life. The lines have been drawn and people have chosen their side. It is an issue that few are neutral about. We have those who defend the right to life of all children. (I am glad that my mother was pro-life.) We also have those who demand that it is the mother's decision as to whether she has the baby or not. They stand for pro-choice. The debate continues to rage as to when the baby is actually conceived. Is it a fetus, an embryo, or an unborn child?*

- I am not interested in all the scientific debate. I am interested in what the Bible has to say. This passage reveals that life is precious, ordained of God. We have been [fearfully and wonderfully made](#). Have you ever considered the miracle of conception? I stand amazed at the power of God in the development of a child. The phrase fearfully and wonderfully made confirms this. [Fearfully](#) - *We have been created through a process that brings astonishment*

and awe. Wonderfully made - We have been made distinct, marked out, and distinguished.
Each life is different and precious.

- Modern science declares that life is something that happened over time. They contend that mankind “evolved” from lower life forms that continued to advance. I don’t know what you believe, but I am going to believe the Bible. I am fearfully and wonderfully made. In fact, I was created in the image of God! He created me a living soul and breathed breath into my body. Gen.1:26a, 27 – And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ^[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Gen.2:7 – And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. God made each of us, and we were all made in His likeness!

II. A Particular Life (15) – *My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.* Once again we find that we were made of God. We were literally fashioned by His almighty hand. We were made in *secret*. That has the idea of *being covered or sheltered*. God hovered over us and produced life when we were conceived.

- Also I was interested in the phrase *curiously wrought*. This has the idea of *an artist mixing the colors for a portrait or a weaver skillfully weaving the fabric of a garment or cloth*. There is one in charge of the finished product. So it is with each of our lives. The Almighty God was mixing the colors; He was weaving the fabric of our very existence. He chose the color of my eyes and hair. He chose the countenance of my face. We are a work of the Master’s hand.
- God created us as He desired and He created us for His purpose. The physical attributes are but a portion of God’s creation in our lives. He has gifted us with particular abilities. Even when we were in the womb, God had a plan for our lives. Jer.1:5 – *Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.*
- Consider all of those who never fulfilled the desire of God because they were never given the opportunity to live. God knew that I would pastor this church before I was ever conceived. He mixed the right colors and wove the right fabrics to prepare me for that!

III. A Predestined Life (16) – *Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.* Each of our lives were ordered from above. Even before we were born, God had predestined us. I know predestination is a doctrine that scares a lot of folks, but it is biblical.

God knew us and He is in control of our lives. He began to write in His book when there was nothing recorded of us. God created us to become what He desired. I know that we must be willing to submit to His will for our lives, but God has a plan.

- Often we like to put God in a box, but He is sovereignly in control of every aspect of our lives. There are none that breach the womb that God hasn't planned. Our lives were foreordained of Him. We were fashioned in [continuance](#) by Him. That speaks of *a specific day, time, and year*.
- I rejoice that God is in control of my life. I certainly wouldn't want to be in charge! He created us for His purpose and He continues to work through us for that purpose, [Rom.8:28-31](#). "Before I breathed my first breath, my life was in His hands. He had a plan for me."

IV. A Privileged Life (17-18a) – [How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!](#) ^[18a] [If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand.](#) We weren't just born and left to wander aimlessly through life. David rejoiced because of the goodness of God in his life. He stood amazed that the Lord was mindful of Him. It was impossible to count the many blessings of God. They would outnumber the grains of sand on the earth.

- Is that not an encouraging thought? Our feeble minds cannot even begin to comprehend all the thoughts that God has for us. He is constantly mindful of us and providing for us. Life itself is a privilege that some never get to enjoy, but for the child of God life is truly a privilege.
- I have been afforded the opportunity of salvation. I have been blessed with a good family, friends, and a church family. I have never suffered need in my life. God has blessed me abundantly. His thoughts are toward His people!

V. A Preserved Life (18b) – [when I awake, I am still with thee.](#) David rejoiced that every morning God was still there. He had never faced a day when he had been abandoned or forsaken. He belonged to God and he was kept by Him.

- Life may not always be what you desire, but if you are saved, you are kept by God. You need not fear waking one morning to find that God is not there. The saved are secure in Christ. There is nothing in this life that can separate us from the hand of God. This physical life will not last forever. It is appointed that all men must die, but when the saved draw their last breath in this body, we will stand in the presence of our Lord.
- The Lord was with me yesterday and He was there when I woke this morning. If I see the light of another day, He will be there too!

Conclusion: Isn't life amazing? I have enjoyed the life God has given me. I hope you have as well. But I wonder, do you really know what living is? God has blessed each of us with life, but have you received eternal life? This life will soon be over and all will go out into eternity. Was the Lord with you this morning when you woke as your personal Savior? If not, He wants to be from here on out. Why not come to Him and ensure that you won't live another day without Him?