

MY GREAT BIG WONDERFUL GOD

Psalm 139

INTRO: Turn your Bibles or turn them on to Psalm 139. Have you noticed that today it seems everyone wants a god they can understand. There is something about the human nature that thinks we should be able to understand everything that God is up to. But think about that for a moment, if our finite minds can understand our god, could he really be God at all?

So today, I want to preach on this thought, "MY GREAT BIG WONDERFUL GOD"

People say to me all the time, "I don't understand why God ___", or "how God could ___", as if their lack of understanding constitutes a deficiency in God or His character. Fact of the matter is, YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND GOD. It's not that you DON'T understand why God, or How God could do this or that, it's that you can't understand an infinite God.

I have come to the conclusion after 35 years of ministry, that understanding God is not as necessary as being understood by God,

So, if you've ever felt lonely, ever felt clueless, ever felt helpless, this message is for you! Today I want us to look at three truths concerning this God we serve that affirm His greatness; His Omnipresence, His Omniscience and His Omnipotence.

David eloquently touches on all three of these descriptives of God's nature in Psalm 139. But these truths run all through Scripture in both declarative and descriptive form.

Notice...

I) God is OMNIPRESENT: Among other things, this attribute of God makes Him continually available.

vv 7-12 *"Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you."*

The answer to living a fearless life flows out of this fundamental truth. "God is with us."

In a world of pain and hopelessness, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a God who is never far from us. He is a God who is far beyond us but He is always near us.

Jeremiah 23:23-24 *"Am I only a God nearby," declares the Lord, "and not a God far away? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the Lord. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the Lord."*

God's omnipresence is a specific application of the truth of His infinitude. God has no limits! God is a spirit and thus can be both near and far at the same time. His presence is here with us. But at this very same moment, God's presence is also with my friend and pastor, Lee McClelland, in Belfast, Ireland. We are able to talk to Him this morning, here, in this place, while at the same time, a lonely missionary wakes restlessly in the middle of the night and talks to Him half way around the world. And not only is He present everywhere, but He is also equally attentive to everyone who needs Him.

I) God is OMNIPRESENT: APPLICATION: What difference would it make in our daily walk were we to practice a continual awareness of God's presence throughout the day, every day? Theologians call that "Practicing the Presence of God."

Most of us live like somehow God doesn't really see or notice us. But the reality is, nothing ever gets by Him because He is everywhere.

The Word of God is very clear about the impact of God's presence. God is everywhere, all the time present. He is ever available to interact and fellowship with us. He is there to communicate and touch us. He is there to instruct us and admonish us. The more we learn to recognize His presence and practice His presence, the more precious those moments will become.

II) God is OMNISCIENT: (Meaning He's all knowing or all aware) **vv 1-6** "O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. 3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all. 5 You have enclosed me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it."

This attribute means that God knows everything about everything. God does not learn, never has learned, and does not need to learn. God perfectly knows Himself, and being the source and author of all things, it follows that He knows all that can be known. And this He knows instantly and with a fullness of perfection that includes every possible item of knowledge concerning everything that exists or could have existed anywhere in the universe at any time in the past or that may exist in the centuries or ages yet unborn.

God knows every law, all relations, all causes, all thoughts, all mysteries, all enigmas, all feelings, all desires, every unuttered secret, all thrones and dominions, all personalities, all things visible and invisible in heaven and in earth, motions, space, time, life, death, good, evil, heaven and hell.

Because God knows all things perfectly, He knows nothing better than any other thing, but all things equally as well. He never discovers anything, He is never surprised, never amazed. He never wonders about anything. **WOW, THAT BLOWS MY MIND!!!**

III) God is OMNIPOTENT: (meaning He is all powerful) **vv 13-16** "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."

Someone has said - "By the mere exercise of His will, God produces whatever He chooses. There is no exertion. He speaks and it comes into being."

A W Tozer "Since He has at His command all the power in the universe, the Lord God omnipotent can do anything as easily as anything else. All His acts are done without effort. He expends no energy that must be replenished. His self-sufficiency makes it unnecessary for Him to look outside of Himself for a renewal of strength. All the power required to do all that He wills to do lies in undiminished fullness in His own infinite being."

Are you sensing now, that we serve A GREAT BIG WONDERFUL GOD?

I) God is OMNIPRESENT: vv 7-12

II) God is OMNISCIENT: vv 1-6

III) God is OMNIPOTENT: vv 13-16 CONTINUED Having an omnipotent God gives us a source for confidence. He can handle any problem you have!

Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."*

Ephesians 3:20-21 *"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*

Arthur Pink "Well may the saint trust such a God! He is worthy of implicit confidence. Nothing is too hard for Him. If God were stunted in might and had a limit to His strength we might well despair. But seeing that He is clothed with omnipotence, no prayer is too hard for Him to answer, no need too great for Him to supply, no passion too strong for Him to subdue; no temptation too powerful for Him to deliver from, no misery too deep for Him to relieve."

CONCLUSION: Today, let us acknowledge the truth that we have a great big wonderful God! That is the first step in our being able to trust Him as we should, to worship Him the way He deserves, and to be excited about telling others about who He is! **DO YOU BELIEVE HE'S WONDERFUL? DO YOU BELIEVE HE IS WORTHY OF YOUR PRAISE AND WORSHIP?** If so, come on, stand to your feet and clap your hands out here in the open so all can hear... come on!!!