



Your Invitation to Praise God

Psalm 139:13-18; 23-24

What have you experienced in life that caused you to open your mouth in wonder?

In life, we experience things that cause our mouths to open in wonder. But there's something greater than opening our mouths in wonder of something; it is when we open our mouths in praise to God *above*. And we can choose to do this anytime!

This morning, we finish Psalm 139, a psalm of God's knowledge, presence, and power. Today, we look at God's ultimate power.

God's ultimate power is your invitation to praise Him!

God's ultimate power caused David to open his mouth in praise. May we do the same.

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Notice how personal God's power is here. It's not the power of God displayed in creation but the hidden power of God and much more personal.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13, NRSVue

The word "For" throws us back to Verses 11-12. It's as if he's saying, "Speaking of darkness..." And further light is shed in the Gospel of John: **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. John 1:1-3, NRSVue**

You are not just “made in the USA!” but handmade by Christ!

Remind yourself of this! And your children! And grandchildren!

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.^[a]

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Psalms 139:14

This was his response to the God whose power created him.

Let this be your response as well!

Again, tell yourself, your children and your grandchildren!

Why? Because so much in our world does not reinforce this!

Christ, your Creator is worthy of all praise!

There is a footnote here that reads, “for I am fearfully set apart.”

Christ, who created you, has also called you!

There is something He has in mind for you to be and do!

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God's ultimate knowledge, presence, and power were revealed not only to be theological truths, but personal truths!

In this season of Lent, make the Psalmist's prayer in Psalm 139:23-24 your own. It was his response to the ultimate power of God. May it also be ours!

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