**SERMON OUTLINE**

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| **SERMON TITLE:** | Why Do I Exist? |
| **SERMON REFERENCE:** | Psalm 139 |
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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. In order to know God’s purpose for our lives, we can go to the Word of God.
	2. It is very important that we know the purpose for our lives.
		1. Anything that does not fulfill its purpose or function is a failure.
		2. The Greek word for “sin” means “to miss the mark.”
			1. It is like an arrow that fails to hit the target.
	3. God has a plan for our lives.
		1. It is important that we find that purpose so that we do not miss the mark.
	4. Knowing our purpose in life is important for the following:
		1. Fulfillment
			1. We will never have fulfillment apart from our purpose in life.
		2. Success
			1. If we are not successful in our purpose, then we are a failure.
				1. Failure is succeeding at the wrong thing.
			2. We are successful in life when we do that for which God created us.
		3. Determining priority
			1. We will never know real guidance in life until we know the purpose for our lives.
			2. Purpose determines priority.
			3. There are people whose lives are made up of a lot of small decisions, and they are constantly wrestling with what they’re going to do in life because they have never discovered the big purpose in life.
				1. They don’t have guidance in their lives.
				2. Proper priorities come from knowing our purpose.
	5. Many think that God’s purpose for our lives is to save us.
		1. It is important to know not only what God saved us from, but also what He saved us for.
			1. God saves us for a purpose.
	6. Psalm 139 tells us about God.
		1. When we find out about God, we also find out so much about ourselves.
		2. We will see in this Psalm who God is.
		3. We have to understand God to understand ourselves.
		4. What we think of God has so much to do with what we think of ourselves.
			1. When we see ourselves as the creation of Almighty God with a purpose, then we desire to be Christ-like.
2. GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT ME (Psalm 139:1)
	1. God knows my character.
		1. Psalm 139:1
		2. Not only does God see us, but He also sees through us.
		3. There is a difference between reputation and character.
			1. Reputation is what others think about you.
			2. Character is what God knows about you.
	2. God knows my conduct.
		1. Psalm 139:2-3
		2. There isn’t a move that we make that God doesn’t see.
		3. As a preacher once said, God loves us so much that He can’t take His eyes off of us.
	3. God knows my contemplations.
		1. Psalm 139:2
		2. God knows what we are thinking at this very moment.
			1. God knows our thoughts.
			2. He knows if we are full of hate or lust, or if we are full of praise.
	4. God knows my conversations.
		1. Psalm 139:4
		2. In an average day, we speak enough words to fill a book; and in a lifetime, a college library.
		3. We will give an account for every idle word that we say.
			1. Matthew 12:36
	5. God knows all about us.
		1. He knows every profane thought and every tear.
		2. This may be a terrifying thought if you are unsaved, but it is a comfort if you are saved.
3. GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME (Psalm 139:5-6)
	1. It is foolish to try to run from God.
	2. “It’s too wonderful for me:”
		1. The Psalmist is not dismayed but is saying that it is so great that he cannot take it in.
	3. We may be far away from God, but He is never far away from us.
		1. God is always with us.
		2. Jeremiah 23:24
		3. God is not confined to a church building.
			1. Acts 17:24
	4. Death cannot hide us from God.
		1. Psalm 139:7-8
		2. The devil is not the lord of Hell.
			1. He will be in Hell, but he will not reign in Hell.
		3. God reigns in Earth, Heaven and Hell.
			1. God is over all.
				1. When we die, God is still there.

When someone dies without Jesus, they will awaken in the judgment to face the God they spurned.

When someone dies in the Lord, they will open their eyes to see Jesus face to face.

* + - 1. There will be no atheists in Hell.
				1. They will all be believers when they get to Hell.

Romans 14:11

* 1. Distance does not hide us from God.
		1. Psalm 139:9-10
			1. In this passage, “the wings of the morning” are the rays of the sun.
			2. The Psalmist, David, is saying in this passage that if he could highjack a light beam and go as far as it could take him, God would still be there.
		2. Wherever we go, God will be there before we get there.
		3. God never goes anyplace.
			1. He is already there.
		4. There is never a place we can go to escape from God.
			1. If we try to run from God, He will be there waiting for us.
	2. Darkness does not hide us from God.
		1. Psalm 139:11-12
		2. Those who are evil love the darkness and hate the light, but we cannot hide from God in the dark.
			1. The light is not there to enable God to see.
			2. God can see into the night.
	3. God knows all about us.
	4. We cannot outrun, outwit or outdistance Almighty God.
1. GOD HAS A WONDERFUL PURPOSE FOR ME (Psalm 139:13-16)
	1. Psalm 139:13
		1. The “reins” on a horse are what guides it.
	2. Psalm 139:14
		1. We are “fearfully and wonderfully made.”
		2. The Psalmist was in awe of the miracle of life.
			1. Every cell in our bodies is a little micro-universe.
				1. God made it all.
			2. Psalm 14:1
	3. We are not accidents.
		1. God made us, and He made us for a purpose.
		2. God has a wonderful plan for each of us.
	4. God is an all-powerful God, and He formed each of us in our mother’s womb.
		1. We are special.
		2. There is no sin God cannot forgive.
		3. There is no prayer He cannot answer.
		4. There is no soul He cannot save.
		5. There is no problem He cannot solve.
		6. He has a wonderful plan for you.
2. GOD HAS ME CONSTANTLY IN HIS HEART (Psalm 139:17-18)
	1. God’s thoughts toward us are greater in number than all of the grains of sand on all of the Earth.
		1. God loves us.
		2. One of our many blessings are God’s thoughts toward us.
	2. The devil wants us to dread God and run from God; the devil wants us to think negatively about God.
	3. God wants to bless us.
		1. Every time God says “Thou shalt not” in Scripture, He is saying, “Don’t hurt yourself.”
		2. Whenever God says in Scripture “Thou shalt,” He is saying, “Help yourself to happiness.”
		3. Psalm 84:11
			1. If something makes us happy, healthy, wholesome and more like the Lord Jesus, then God says to us, “Help yourself.”
	4. God doesn’t just love us all, He loves us each, one by one.
3. CONCLUSION
	1. God didn’t create us just to serve Him.
		1. He could get the angels to do a better job of serving than we do, if that is the only purpose for which He created us.
	2. God created us in His image to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him.
	3. God is forever with us and created each of us for a purpose.
		1. He loves you so very much.
	4. To know the purpose for which you were created, you must first know the Creator.
	5. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	6. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16