

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) In order to know God's purpose for our lives, we can go to the Word of God.
- b) It is very important that we know the purpose for our lives.
 - i) Anything that does not fulfill its purpose or function is a failure.
 - ii) The Greek word for "sin" means "to miss the mark."
 - (1) It is like an arrow that fails to hit the target.
- c) God has a plan for our lives.
 - i) It is important that we find that purpose so that we do not miss the mark.
- d) Knowing our purpose in life is important for the following:
 - i) Fulfillment
 - (1) We will never have fulfillment apart from our purpose in life.
 - ii) Success
 - (1) If we are not successful in our purpose, then we are a failure.
 - (a) Failure is succeeding at the wrong thing.
 - (2) We are successful in life when we do that for which God created us.
 - iii) 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.
 - (a) They don't have guidance in their lives.
 - (b) Proper priorities come from knowing our purpose.
- e) Many think that God's purpose for our lives is to save us.
 - i) 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.
- f) Psalm 139 tells us about God.
 - i) When we find out about God, we also find out so much about ourselves.
 - ii) We will see in this Psalm who God is.
 - iii) We have to understand God to understand ourselves.
 - iv) 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)

- a) God knows my character.
 - i) Psalm 139:1
 - ii) Not only does God see us, but He also sees through us.
 - iii) There is a difference between reputation and character.
 - (1) Reputation is what others think about you.
 - (2) Character is what God knows about you.
- b) God knows my conduct.

- i) Psalm 139:2-3
 - ii) There isn't a move that we make that God doesn't see.
 - iii) As a preacher once said, God loves us so much that He can't take His eyes off of us.
 - c) God knows my contemplations.
 - i) Psalm 139:2
 - ii) 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.
 - d) God knows my conversations.
 - i) Psalm 139:4
 - ii) In an average day, we speak enough words to fill a book; and in a lifetime, a college library.
 - iii) We will give an account for every idle word that we say.
 - (1) Matthew 12:36
 - e) God knows all about us.
 - i) He knows every profane thought and every tear.
 - ii) 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)
- a) It is foolish to try to run from God.
 - b) "It's too wonderful for me."
 - i) The Psalmist is not dismayed but is saying that it is so great that he cannot take it in.
 - c) We may be far away from God, but He is never far away from us.
 - i) God is always with us.
 - ii) Jeremiah 23:24
 - iii) God is not confined to a church building.
 - (1) Acts 17:24
 - d) Death cannot hide us from God.
 - i) Psalm 139:7-8
 - ii) The devil is not the lord of Hell.
 - (1) He will be in Hell, but he will not reign in Hell.
 - iii) God reigns in Earth, Heaven and Hell.
 - (1) God is over all.
 - (a) When we die, God is still there.
 - (i) When someone dies without Jesus, they will awaken in the judgment to face the God they spurned.
 - (ii) When someone dies in the Lord, they will open their eyes to see Jesus face to face.
 - (2) There will be no atheists in Hell.
 - (a) They will all be believers when they get to Hell.
 - (i) Romans 14:11

- e) Distance does not hide us from God.
 - i) 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.
 - ii) Wherever we go, God will be there before we get there.
 - iii) God never goes anywhere.
 - (1) He is already there.
 - iv) 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.
 - f) Darkness does not hide us from God.
 - i) Psalm 139:11-12
 - ii) 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.
 - g) God knows all about us.
 - h) We cannot outrun, outwit or outdistance Almighty God.
- 4) GOD HAS A WONDERFUL PURPOSE FOR ME (Psalm 139:13-16)
- a) Psalm 139:13
 - i) The “reins” on a horse are what guides it.
 - b) Psalm 139:14
 - i) We are “fearfully and wonderfully made.”
 - ii) The Psalmist was in awe of the miracle of life.
 - (1) Every cell in our bodies is a little micro-universe.
 - (a) God made it all.
 - (2) Psalm 14:1
 - c) We are not accidents.
 - i) God made us, and He made us for a purpose.
 - ii) God has a wonderful plan for each of us.
 - d) God is an all-powerful God, and He formed each of us in our mother’s womb.
 - i) We are special.
 - ii) There is no sin God cannot forgive.
 - iii) There is no prayer He cannot answer.
 - iv) There is no soul He cannot save.
 - v) There is no problem He cannot solve.
 - vi) He has a wonderful plan for you.
- 5) GOD HAS ME CONSTANTLY IN HIS HEART (Psalm 139:17-18)
- a) God’s thoughts toward us are greater in number than all of the grains of sand on all of the Earth.
 - i) God loves us.
 - ii) One of our many blessings are God’s thoughts toward us.

- b) The devil wants us to dread God and run from God; the devil wants us to think negatively about God.
- c) God wants to bless us.
 - i) Every time God says “Thou shalt not” in Scripture, He is saying, “Don’t hurt yourself.”
 - ii) Whenever God says in Scripture “Thou shalt,” He is saying, “Help yourself to happiness.”
 - iii) Psalm 84:11
 - (1) If something makes us happy, healthy, wholesome and more like the Lord Jesus, then God says to us, “Help yourself.”
- d) God doesn’t just love us all, He loves us each, one by one.

6) CONCLUSION

- a) God didn’t create us just to serve Him.
 - i) 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.
- b) God created us in His image to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him.
- c) God is forever with us and created each of us for a purpose.
 - i) He loves you so very much.
- d) To know the purpose for which you were created, you must first know the Creator.
- e) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- f) 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.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16