



Last session recap:

- Genesis creation
- Our worth comes from being created in the image of God
- Our purpose is to be the image of God in creation

This week we are going to talk about God's involvement in our lives. Let's be honest here. There have probably been times in the past, or right now in the present, and there probably will be in the future, when you don't feel like God is present in your life at all. Maybe you feel like He has left us here on Earth to figure it all out on our own.

Maybe you believe that He created all things, but maybe you doubt that He is actively involved in your life from day to day. There's a kind of philosophy called Deism that believes exactly this. What Deism says is that God created the universe, and then stepped away and is just letting it go on its own. He's like a watchmaker who put all the pieces together, wound the gears, and then is hands off after that. For Deists, God is not personally involved with us and doesn't care to be.

Even if we don't think exactly like this, we all sometimes have moments where we aren't sure if God is with us. The good news is that Scripture shows us that God is not some cold, distant being but that He is intimately involved with our lives.

This truth is all over the pages of the Bible, but we are going to look at a few specific passages that show us how God is involved in our day to day lives. I hope this will be encouraging to you, as you see how God is actively at work and not passively watching. And remember, these truths are for each one of us individually. The Bible talks a lot about how God is personally involved in the lives of every single person. That is hard to understand, but He is God and is able to do it, where we cannot.

So, let's look at some passages that show us three things we need to know about God's involvement in our lives...

1. God Knows Us Completely

Alright, the first one is Psalm 139. This is a long Psalm, but I think it is important that we read all of it in order to really get a grip on what the writer is saying about God and his relationship to us. So, let's take the time to read it. As we read, listen for phrases that help us understand how close God is to us and how much He knows us.

And actually, here's what I want you to do. Write down one thing that sticks out to you about this Psalm, one thing that it says about God and you. It doesn't have to be an exact quote, but just something you noticed that was interesting, unexpected, amazing, etc.

¹ Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I stand up; you understand my thoughts from far away.

³ You observe my travels and my rest; you are aware of all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue, you know all about it, Lord.

⁵ You have encircled me; you have placed your hand on me.

⁶ This wondrous knowledge is beyond me. It is lofty; I am unable to reach it.

⁷ Where can I go to escape your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹ If I fly on the wings of the dawn and settle down on the western horizon,

¹⁰ even there your hand will lead me;

your right hand will hold on to me.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me, and the light around me will be night"—

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you.

The night shines like the day; darkness and light are alike to you.

¹³ For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made.

Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well.

¹⁵ My bones were not hidden from you

when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned



Psalm 139; Proverbs 16:9; Romans 8:28-29; Romans 8:35-39

Three things we need to know about God's involvement in our lives:

1. God knows us completely .

One thing from Psalm 139:

Example: He has placed his hand on me

2. God guides us constantly .

3. God holds us carefully .

What is God saying to you?

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