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MOTHER'S DAY
PSALM 139—PART FOUR

THE INTRODUCTION

A Mother's Care

The Humility of Christ

[Philippians 2:7-8](#) ...made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. (8) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.

From his birth to his death, from the cradle to the cross, from the manger at Bethlehem to the tomb of Joseph, sorrow and suffering seem to have marked him as then own. W. Symington

A Poignant Moment

Matthew 2:13-14 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." (14) When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,

Another Poignant Moment

[John 19:25-27](#) Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. (26) When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "**Woman, behold your son!**" (27) Then He said to the disciple, "**Behold your mother!**" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*.

A Prophecy Fulfilled

[Luke 2:25-35](#) And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (26) And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (27) So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, (28) he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: (29) "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; (30) For my eyes have seen Your salvation (31) Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, (32) A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." (33) And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. (34) Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (35) **(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also)**, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

[Deuteronomy 31:6](#) Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

THE TEXT ONE

[Psalms 139:1-3](#) **For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.** O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*. (2) You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. (3) You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

A Personal God

[Psalms 139:5](#) You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

[Philippians 2:13](#) for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

The Wonder of It

TEXT TWO

Psalms 139:6 *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.*

His Knowledge

Its Height and Depth

Psalms 94:11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they *are* futile.

His Knowledge of Me

Psalms 139:2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

It Is Beyond You

Isaiah 40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

We cannot by searching find out how God searches and finds out us; nor do we know how we are known. M. Henry

Practical Maternal Implications

Caution

Psalms 69:5 O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You.

Comfort

Psalms 68:6 God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

Isaiah 66:12-14 For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then

you shall feed; On *her* sides shall you be carried, And be dandled on *her* knees. (13) As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem." (14) When you see *this*, your heart shall rejoice, And your bones shall flourish like grass; The hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants, And *His* indignation to His enemies.

Strength

Dads and Kids

TEXT THREE

Psalms 139:7 **Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence (or, His face)?**

Two Questions with Obvious Answers

Where?

How?

No Escape

First

Jeremiah 23:23-24 "Am I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "And not a God afar off? (24) Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD.

As God is a simple spirit, without dimensions, parts, or susceptibility of division, he is equally, that is, fully, present at all times in all places. At any given moment he is not present partly here and partly in the utmost skirt of the furthest system which revolves about the dimmest telescopic star, ...he is present, with the totality of his glorious properties in every point of space. All that God is in one place he is in all places. All there is of God is in every place. J.A. Alexander

Second

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'