

SERMON LISTENING WORKSHEET

Date: August 17, 2025

Passage: Psalm 139:17-24

Title: Living Intentionally with the Inescapable God

What is the main thing to know?

Beholding God as infinite and personally concerned with us motivates us to live differently. When we discover new depths of God's intentionality towards us, we should pursue new depth in living intentionally for Him. We grow to have that perspective in the same way David did—Beholding God's kingdom plans in the Scriptures. The key way we must change is regarding our relationship to God vs. sin and the world.

What is the main thing to do?

Work hard to determine what we are beholding most—either God, or ourselves and this world.

What is the flow of the message?

- (1.1) Introduction: Recalling verses 1-16, and moving ahead
 - (1.2) Verse 17: God's Intentions towards David are precious...
 - (1.3) ...because of God's infinite attentiveness towards him (verses 1-6)
 - (1.4) ...because of God's inescapable presence with him (verses 7-12)
 - (1.5) ...because of God's good plans for us (verses 13-16)
 - (1.6) Sharing David's response: Pursuing new depths of intentional living.
 - (1.7) 'Wholehearted Living' according to the Bible
- (2.1) Problem: Living with this kind of intentionality is STILL very hard...
 - (2.2) Our difficulty with commitment
 - (2.3) Our difficulty with idols
 - (2.4) Our difficulty with anything that demands hard work
 - (2.5) David's difficult example in Verses 19-22
 - (2.6) David's difficult example in Verses 23-24
- (3.1) Solution: Following David's Beholding of God in Scripture
 - (3.2) The Inescapable Intentionality of God revealed in Scripture
 - (3.3) The Inescapable Intentionality of God through His King
 - (3.4) Sharing David's response: Beholding God's plan in the Psalms
 - (3.5) The Inescapable Intentionality of God in the Psalms
- (4.1) Application: Living Intentionally for our Intentional God
 - (4.2) Humility: We must admit our indifference towards sin
 - (4.3) Loyalty: We must passionately persist intimacy with God
 - (4.4) Faith: We must trust God to help us change
 - (4.5) CONCLUSION: What are we beholding most? (Psalm 121:7-8)

What are some things to talk about?

1. Do you often think about how intentional God has been to you in your life? What are some things that God's done in your life that make you thankful for His providence?
2. Do verses 19-22 seem difficult to understand or accept? What makes it hard
3. Is it easy to accept that we can be honest with God about our sins and struggles? What truths about God would make it easier?
4. How are you going to make "Beholding God" an essential part of your routine?

What is your takeaway?**IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION**

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