

**PURPOSE REVEALED BY  
DESIGN:  
Your Life is Handcrafted,  
Not Mass-Produced**

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**PSALM 139:13 – 15 (NKJV)**

**13 For You formed my inward parts;**

**You covered me in my mother's womb.**

**14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Marvelous are Your works,**

**And that my soul knows very well.**

**15 My frame was not hidden from You,**

**When I was made in secret,**

**And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.**

# Opening Illustration: The Master Weaver

**This is one of the greatest passages in literature about the miracle of human conception and birth. “In the presence of birth,” said Eugene Petersen, “we don’t calculate—we marvel.”**

**David declared that God is present at conception and birth, because we are made in the image of God and God has a special purpose for each person who is born.**

- ▶ **Imagine a Master Artist weaving a beautiful tapestry.**
- ▶ **Thread by thread, the design takes shape.**
- ▶ **In the same way, God weaves every life in the womb with intentional care and purpose.**

# Context of Psalm 139

**David reflects on three great truths about God:**

- 1. God forms EVERY Life.**
- 2. God made us fearfully and wonderfully.**
- 3. God intentionally created us.**

**Verses 13 – 18 focus on God's design in human life.**

# Exegetical Idea

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**Because God formed us in the womb and ordained our days,  
our lives carry divine value and purpose.**

# 1. God Forms Every Life.

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**PSALM 139:13 (NKJV)**

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**You covered me in my mother's womb.**

**God Personally Designs Every Human Life:**

**“For You formed my inward parts.”**

# "Formed"

The word “**formed**” comes from the Hebrew word (**qanah**) which means *to create, acquire, or possess as one's own work*.

- It carries the idea of **intentional craftsmanship**, not accidental development.
- David is declaring that **life is not random biology — it is divine formation.**

**God did not simply allow life to happen. He actively shaped it.**

# "Inward Parts"

The phrase “**inward parts**” refers to the **kidneys and internal organs**, which in Hebrew thought represented **the deepest center of personality, emotions, and identity**.

This means:

- God designed **your body**.
- God shaped **your personality**.
- God formed **your identity**.
- God prepared **your purpose**.

▶ Your life is not a coincidence. **It is craftsmanship.**

# “You covered me in my mother’s womb.”

The phrase “**covered**” comes from the Hebrew word (**sāḱak**) meaning **to weave together, hedge in, or knit carefully.**

- It pictures a **master craftsman weaving threads together.**
- God was not distant during conception.
- He was **personally involved in the formation of life.**

Before a doctor ever saw you...Before your parents held you...**God was already shaping you.**

# Theological Truth

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- ▶ Human life is **not mass-produced**. It is **handcrafted by God**.
- ▶ You are not an accident of biology. You are **an intentional creation of the Creator**.

**ISAIAH 44:2 (NKJV)**

**Thus says the LORD who made you  
And formed you from the womb, *who* will help you:  
'Fear not, O Jacob My servant;  
And you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.**

# Application

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Because God formed you:

- Your life has **value**.
- Your life has **purpose**.
- Your life has **divine design**.

# Application

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You may question your abilities, your appearance, or your background.

- But heaven has already settled the issue.
- **God formed you exactly as He intended.**
- And when God forms something, **He forms it for a reason.**

## 2. God made us fearfully & wonderfully.

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### PSALM 139:14 (NKJV)

**I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.**

## 2. God made us fearfully & wonderfully.

### “I Am Fearfully Made”

The word “**fearfully**” comes from the Hebrew word (**yārē’**), which means **to stand in awe, reverence, or deep respect**.

David is not saying he was made in terror. He is declaring that **the creation of human life inspires holy awe**.

The human body is a work that commands reverence because **God Himself is the designer.**

Every system of the body reflects divine intelligence:

- The nervous system transmits signals instantly.
- The heart beats over 100,000 times a day.
- The brain controls billions of neural connections.
- DNA carries the code for human life.

Human life is not ordinary. **It is awe-inspiring craftsmanship.**

# “Wonderfully Made”

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The word “wonderfully” comes from the Hebrew word (pālā’) meaning to be extraordinary, marvelous, or beyond human comprehension.

It describes something so remarkable that only God could do it.

David is declaring that **human life is a miracle of divine design.**

- Your body...
- Your mind...
- Your personality...
- Your potential...

**All testify to the creative brilliance of God.**

# Theological Truth

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- ▶ Human life is **not an accident of nature.**
- ▶ It is a **miracle of divine craftsmanship.**

## **GENESIS 1:27 (NKJV)**

**So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

# Application

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Because you are **fearfully and wonderfully made**:

- You have **intrinsic value**.
- You have **divine dignity**.
- You have a **God-given purpose**.

The world may try to define your worth by:

- appearance
- status
- achievements
- possessions

# Application

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But heaven declares something different.

- Your value comes from **who made you.**
- And the One who made you **does not make mistakes.**

### **3. God intentionally created us.**

**PSALM 139:15 (NKJV)**

**My frame was not hidden from You,**

**When I was made in secret,**

**And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.**

# “Made in Secret”

David describes the **hidden work of God in the womb.**

- The phrase “**made in secret**” refers to the quiet and unseen place where life begins.
- While the world cannot see the formation of life, **God sees every detail of it.**

Before anyone knew your name...

Before anyone saw your face...

**God was already forming your life.**

**Nothing about your creation was accidental or unnoticed  
by heaven.**

# “Skillfully Wrought”

The phrase **“skillfully wrought”** comes from the Hebrew word, **“raqam”**.

**Meaning: “to embroider, weave, or craft with intricate skill”**

This word was also used in **Exodus** to describe the **beautiful embroidery on the garments of the priests.**

**EXODUS 28:39 (NKJV)**

**“You shall skillfully weave the tunic of fine linen thread, you shall make the turban of fine linen, and you shall make the sash of woven work.**

# The Imagery is Powerful

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Just as a Master Craftsman carefully **embroiders thread into fabric**, God carefully **wove every detail of your life together**.

- Your body...
- Your personality...
- Your gifts...
- Your calling...

**All were woven together by the hand of God.**

# Theological Truth

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- ▶ God does not simply create life.
- ▶ **He designs it with intention and precision.**
- ▶ Every human life is **crafted by divine purpose.**

# Theological Truth

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## ISAIAH 44:24 (NKJV)

**<sup>24</sup> Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,  
And He who formed you from the womb:  
“*I am* the LORD, who makes all *things*,  
Who stretches out the heavens all alone,  
Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;**

# Application

If God **skillfully crafted you**, then your life carries **intentional design**.

- You are not random.
- You are not meaningless.
- You are not overlooked.

Your life was **woven together by God Himself**.

# Application

**That means:**

- **Your life has a divine purpose.**
- **Your life has spiritual significance.**
- **Your life has God-ordained potential.**

**Even the parts of your story you do not understand are threads in God's greater design.**

# Discussion Questions

- ▶ **What does Psalm 139 teach about human value?**
- ▶ **Why is God's intentional design important?**
- ▶ **How should purpose shape our daily lives?**

# Personal Declaration

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**Repeat:**

- **I am not random.**
- **I am not forgotten.**
- **I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**
- **My life is designed by God.**

# Invitation / Response

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**God created you with purpose.**

**The greatest step toward discovering that purpose is surrendering your life to Jesus Christ.**

# Closing Encouragement

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- ▶ **You are not mass-produced.**
- ▶ **You are handcrafted by the Creator.**
- ▶ **And God has prepared a purpose for your life.**