

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 1/20/08

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Psalm 139:1-24](#)

TITLE: “WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HELD”

INTRO:

1. The subject today is our _____ to God. Abortion flies in the face of divine image and worth.
2. What does it mean to be HELD?
Hope-confidence and expectation.
Encouragement-approval and support.
Love-tender feeling of affection.
Direction-finding and holding a course.
3. Psalm of David-_____ focuses on God’s omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence.
4. The psalm is divided into 4 parts:
 - a. God’s Knowledge, [verses 1-6](#).
 - b. God’s Presence, [verses 7-12](#).
 - c. God’s Power, [verses 13-18](#).
 - d. Our Response, [verses 19-24](#).
5. All life is precious, particularly _____ life, as we are created in the image of God.

PROPOSITION: Please recognize that God loves every life and wants all life to find fulfillment bringing glory to His name.

I. GOD’S KNOWLEDGE ABOUT US, [Psalm 139:1-6](#).

- A. His Penetrating Comprehension, [verses 1-4](#).
 1. Thorough knowledge of all _____/some of which is overlooked by us, [verse 1](#).
 2. [Verses 2-4](#), He knows our thoughts and actions/passive and active, [1 Samuel 2:2, 3](#).
- B. His Phenomenal Capability, [verses 5, 6](#).
 1. David’s initial _____-confinement, [Isaiah 40:21-28](#).
 2. David’s discerned _____-confidence...

II. GOD'S PRESENCE AMONG US, [Psalm 139:7-12](#).

- A. God's Presence Transcends Distance, [verses 7-10](#).
1. Never a more perfect description of omnipresence...
 2. David's attempt is to fathom rather than _____.
 - a. [Verse 8](#)-heaven/hell-extreme opposites.
 - b. [Verse 9](#)-no amount of speed can escape God's presence, [Jeremiah 17:5-10](#).
 - c. [Verse 10](#)-His control offers strength and support.
- B. God's Presence Transcends Darkness, [verses 11, 12](#).
1. Darkness does not _____ God...
 2. God understands darkness and light...

III. GOD'S POWER UPON US, [Psalm 139:13-18](#).

- A. He Formed Us In Benevolence, [verses 13, 14](#).
1. [Verse 13](#)-Life is a gift from God!
 2. The miraculous complexity of God's design.
 3. [Verse 14](#)-David is blown _____. What is your response?
- B. He Formed Us In Brilliance, [verses 15, 16](#).
1. "Not hidden"-God knows the complete potential of each life.
 2. "Woven together"-intricate _____ and function.
 3. Abortion is never moral/abortion is never "safe."
 4. [Verse 16](#)-Divine foreknowledge...
- C. David Fathoms God's Greatness, [verses 17, 18](#); cf. [Isaiah 30:15-18 & 21](#).

IV. OUR RESPONSE TO BEING HELD, [Psalm 139:19-24](#).

- A. Continual Appeal For _____, [verses 19, 20](#).
- B. Loyalty And _____ Toward God, [verses 21, 22](#).
- C. Complete _____ Of Self To God's Will, [verses 23, 24](#); cf. [Psalm 25:4-10](#).

CONCLUSION:

1. Life is precious/abortion is a holocaust.
2. Where do you stand with respect to God and the Bible?