



God Myths

"God = Impersonal, Doesn't Care" (Psalm 139)

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BIG IDEA: God cares about you – every part of you – but the part He cares about most is your heart.

- What *does* God care about? Does He care about people, or anything going on here in the world? Does He care about *you*? Do you feel like He's like a taskmaster who is only concerned with the things you do or don't do for Him?
 - In Psalm 139, David pours out his heart to God by reminding himself of some important things about God.
1. **GOD ALWAYS STARTS WITH THE HEART.** (Psalm 139:1; 1 Thesalonians 2:4; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Matthew 5:8; 1 Samuel 13:14)
 - *"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."* – Proverbs 4:23
 2. **GOD CARES ABOUT EVERY PART OF YOU.** (Psalm 139:2-18; Matthew 10:29-31)
 - *"For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.'"* – Hebrews 13:5
 - *"The Lord your God is in your midst; he is a warrior who can deliver. He takes great delight in you; he renews you by his love; he shouts for joy over you."* – Zephaniah 3:17 NET
 3. **OUR BEST RESPONSE IS TO SHOW GOD WE CARE: To ask God to test us and reveal what he sees.** (Psalm 139:19-224; James 4:8)
 - *"Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."* – Jeremiah 33:3 ESV
 - It's a *myth* that says that God is impersonal and doesn't care. What if instead *we* are impersonal? What if it is God who sees in *us* at times that *we* don't care?

Here's what we *know* today: God's has made Himself clear.

- God cares about *you* — *every* part of you.
- He cares about your struggle, He cares about what you are requesting of Him in prayer. Those are important. But in the heart of God, what He cares the *most* about? Is your heart.
- *"The sacrifices God desires are a humble spirit – O God, a humble and repentant heart you will not reject."* – Psalm 51:17 NET

My Next Step

How does God want me to respond to the things that bother me? In what ways does God want to search my heart today with me? How does God want me to respond?

FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. Reread Psalm 139. Make a list of all the verbs that describes God's activities, and as you review the list, ask yourself that this active involvement says about God's character. What is your response to these descriptions of God's active, loving involvement and attention in your life? How might it affect your daily life if you embrace the idea that God pays loving attention to every detail of your life, and of those you love?
2. Psalms 13 & 22 show the human emotions we all can feel sometimes about God being impersonal or uncaring. As you read through these, which of these words could easily be your words? Why?
3. The following are a short list of the many Scriptures which reveal God's desire for us to call on Him: James 4:8; Jeremiah 29:11-12, 33:3; Psalm 50:15, 91:15; Luke 11:9,10. Perhaps you can find others. Do reflecting on these verses create a desire in you to want what God is asking of you?
4. Take some time this week to write some words to God, based on this message and passage today. You might include the words, "God, I want you to search my heart, and show me what you see." As you do, write down what He reveals to you about some of the circumstances playing out in your life right now and how He has hoped you would respond.