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"You Are A Wonder" Psalm 139 Series - Part 8 | Malcolm Cox | Quiet Time Coaching Episode 542

Introduction

Today, we look at verse six of the Psalm and God's unattainable knowledge.

"Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it." (Psalm 139:6 NRSV)

This verse is a response to the awe-inspiring truths about God's complete knowledge and intimate involvement in our lives, as described in the preceding verses. The psalmist acknowledges that the depth of God's understanding and His ability to be present in every detail of our lives is beyond human comprehension. It's a recognition that God's ways and thoughts are far greater than our own.

Isaiah 55:8-9 – "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

For a Christian, this verse is an invitation to humility and worship. It reminds us that we are dealing with a God who is infinitely greater than we can imagine, yet He chooses to be involved in our lives. This realization should inspire a sense of wonder and gratitude, prompting us to approach God with reverence in our prayer life.

Ephesians 3:20 – "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine."

We don't need to fully understand God to trust Him; instead, we can rest in the assurance that He knows us perfectly and loves us deeply, even when His ways are beyond our comprehension.

Romans 11:33 – "O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!"

These scriptures emphasise God's infinite wisdom and power, reminding us that even when we cannot understand His ways, we can trust that He is working out His purposes in ways that are far beyond our understanding. This encourages us to rest in His greatness and draw nearer to Him in awe-filled worship and trust.

Questions

1. How does recognizing the vastness of God's knowledge and presence affect your sense of awe and wonder in your relationship with Him?
 2. In what areas of your life are you struggling to understand God's ways? How might embracing the mystery of God's greatness bring you peace?
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Suggestions

1. **Practice awe-filled worship:** Spend time in worship, focusing on God's greatness and the aspects of His character that are beyond your understanding. Allow yourself to be in awe of who He is, even when you can't fully grasp His ways.
 2. **Embrace God's mystery in prayer:** When praying about situations you don't understand, consciously release the need to have all the answers. Instead, express your trust in God's infinite wisdom and His ability to work in ways that surpass your understanding.
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Conclusion

Next time, we will move on to verse 7.

I am planning a spiritual experience day based on Psalm 139 in the spring of 2025. If you'd be interested, please email me at malcolm@malcolmcox.org.

Your brother, Malcolm

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