

At-home Bible Study: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Life matters. Even to someone who has never read the Bible and doesn't believe in the God of the Bible, their conscience tells them that people are pretty special beings. But it is in the Bible that God tells us exactly how special we are. In a world in which life isn't always valued, God teaches us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made!

Today: Made by God

A good prayer to begin our study:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for creating us and calling us your own. Thank you for giving us opportunities to study your Word. Help us see others through your eyes and love others through your heart. Your Son Jesus showed us how to use our gifts and talents to serve others and praise you. Help us recognize these gifts in ourselves and use them to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Read  **Psalm 139.**

What does God reveal about Himself in this psalm?

What does God reveal about His power? His character? His love?

What does Psalm 139 teach us about human life, especially compared to the rest of creation?

What does the phrase "fearfully and wonderfully made" say about you?

What evidence would you use to support your answer?

Upholding the Bible's teachings about God and creation is becoming more difficult with the passing of each generation. Evolutionary theories and their pseudo-science are taught as fact, diminishing the value and purpose of each human life.

Have you ever found yourself in a discussion about creation? What happened?

Do you have Bible verses or other facts you turn to when supporting creation?

Today's reproductive sciences leave no doubt that, as the psalmist tells us, life begins at conception. In spite of this evidence, the life of an unborn child can be terminated with abandon. This practice reaches alarming percentages if the child is thought to have Down syndrome. Statistics show the termination rate: Denmark 98%, United Kingdom 90%, United States 85%, France 77%, and Iceland claims to have "eradicated it!" (cruxnow.com-Rome conference fears Down syndrome may be in final generation, October 21, 2017)

Think about the evidence you cited earlier that supported "fearfully and wonderfully made." Did you rely on descriptions of how the human body works? For example, the intricacies of the eye and vision, or the circulatory system, or the operations of the human brain?

Yes, these are all certainly wonderful! But what if these wonders are not present in a person? Are they not also fearfully and wonderfully made by our Creator? There are no qualifiers or exclusions in this psalm. Every human conceived can claim this truth; every human conceived is valuable. No one should be considered disposable.

How would you respond after hearing a friend/neighbor/relative's child was born with a disability?