



PRAYING THE PSALMS – PSALM 139 (VS. 17-18)
GOD'S THOUGHTS CONCERNING YOU
Women's Discipleship Group
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Series #4 Lesson #7

Scripture Focus: *How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. (Ps. 139:17-18)*

Key Word: **Precious** (Hebrew – yaqar) 1. *Precious jewels.* 2. *rare.* 3. *glorious, splendid.*

As the Psalm 139 begins to wind down to a close, the psalmist makes another powerful observation concerning God's love and faithfulness. Verse 1-12, tells of God's complete knowledge of his children. Verse 13-16 speaks of the unique way that we were created. Verse 17 and 18, speaks of the Lord's faithfulness in watching over us and protecting us. If there is one thing that David would have us to understand it is that we are always in God's thoughts. The Lord confirms through the prophet Jeremiah what kind of thoughts He has concerning us: *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).*

Just as you have good thoughts concerning the people you love, the Lord has special thoughts concerning His children:

- 1. The Lord thinks about our needs.** *My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).* Like a good parent the Lord knows that there are times when we need certain things that we sometimes don't want. When my children were young they needed vitamins, but hated to take them. It is often later in life that we realize that the Lord gives us what we need even when we don't understand at the time.
- 2. The Lord thinks about our happiness.** *Happy are the people whose God is the Lord. (Psalm 144:15b)* God knows that we can get so caught up in the drama of working and living we forget that we were created for joy and happiness. That's why he created the seventh day for rest and that's why he created dancing, food and feast days in the Bible.
- 3. The Lord thinks about our relationship with Him.** *"If you abide in me...you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." (John 15:7)* When you really love a person you are always thinking of ways that you can be together and do things together. The Lord is thinking about ways to get closer to you. The closer you are to the Lord the more he will bless you.

It is impossible to know all the thoughts that the Lord has concerning you. *They are more numerous than the sand (v.18)*. But I do know that He is constantly watching over us. As we sleep, He is watching. When we are asleep we are not conscious of anything that is happening, but He is protecting us. The Lord must wake us each morning to a brand new day of His presence and protection. Because I am in His thoughts – *When I awake, I am still with You (vs.18)*. Rest in the knowledge that because he loves you – you are always in His thoughts.

OBSERVATIONS:

Find 2 additional scriptures that tell us that we are in God's thoughts. Ex. Ps. 40:5

INTERPRETATION:

What is meant by the David's statement that God have more thoughts of us than the grains of sand?

PERSONALIZATION:

What are the 3 main thoughts that you have toward God?

APPLICATON:

Thoughts are always followed by actions. What actions will you take to show the Lord that He is in your thoughts?