

# Glad Tidings

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## God's Secret Work

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David, in Psalm 139, concentrates on God's OMNISCIENCE. God being acquainted with all of David's ways is not an intrusive or frightening thought to David. He marvels at its reality (v.6); He is comforted by the thought (v.11-12); and David welcomes God's scrutiny as He leads David in “the way of everlasting” (24).

In the context of nothing secret being kept from God, David praises the work God does secretly in the womb (v. 13-16). Out of man's sight, God begins the work of weaving together the human being, inside and out.

Away from the light of day, and in the darkness of the womb, God is not hampered from His work. “*For thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst cover me in my mother's womb*” (v. 13). God not only “possessed...” as some translations say in this verse, but He “formed” or made David's “inward parts”: the “reigns” of David's being. The inward parts refer to the deepest seat of man's mind and emotions. God not only formed the depths of a man's mind and emotions, He “covered” or “knit” together all the parts of David that would continue to grow in his mother's

womb. Job speaks of the work in the womb similarly: “*Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews*” (Job 10:11)

David gives thanks to God for His great work, and praises God in wonderment: “*I will give thanks unto Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...*” (v. 14). David knows “right well” it is God who is at work, so with reverence, David says he is “fearfully” made. Wondrous are all of God's works of creation, but especially is it so in causing the baby to form in the womb.

Just think of the process of babies being formed out of sight in the womb before we could get a look at such work through an “ultrasound”. What we get a glimpse of now God has been viewing alone for centuries. David, without the aid of ultrasound, says by inspiration, “*My frame was not hidden from Thee, when I was made in secret*” (v. 15).

David further develops God's work of “knitting” by interestingly saying, “*...when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lower parts of the earth*” (v.15). The words “curiously wrought” translate a He-

brew word denoting “variegated” work. As one would weave together various colors of thread into different but wondrous patterns, God, out of the sight of man, has “embroidered” a human being.

We see and know more of the human embryo developing in a mother's womb than David saw. Knowing right well this is God's work, he, with reverence for God and wonder, worshipped God for His creation. Today, our society can see the development in the womb, and yet willingly tear apart God's knitting and embroidery work through abortions.

Since our country ruled that abortions are legal, the immoral work of killing 58 million babies in the womb has continued till the present. What God is seeing in secret, man deliberately interrupts with instruments of death. If tomorrow every school age child in America were put to death, the public death toll would be several million less than the 58 million. It seems the only horror for those who have left God out of their knowledge is for them to not have the legal right to cut apart God's wondrous work in secret. God sees, and will judge righteously!