

FASHIONED BY GOD
Psalm 119:73-80

INTRODUCTION

- A. How would you define your relationship with God?
 - 1. Could you do so in a word, so as to leave no doubt as to what you mean?
 - 2. What measures are you taking to live up to that “definition”?
- B. God’s relationship with man.
 - 1. We know that He had a relationship with man – Adam and Eve, Gen. 3:8-9.
 - 2. Abraham was recognized as “the friend of God”, James 2:23.
 - 3. God spoke with Moses “face to face, just as a man speaks to a friend”, Ex. 33:11.
 - 4. I like the description of David’s relationship with God, 1 Samuel 14:22.

I. GOD CREATED ME. Vs. 73

- A. Made in the Image of God.
 - 1. Account of creation in Genesis 1.
 - 2. When making man, made in the image of God, Gen. 1:27; 2:7.
 - a. Given breath and life and a living soul.
 - b. Given the ability of choice.
 - c. Able to differentiate right from wrong.
 - 3. Account of the making of woman, Gen. 2:21-23.
 - 4. Formed and fashioned: Gen. 2:7, 21-23.
 - a. Man was formed [yat-sar], meaning to “fashion as a potter.”
 - b. Woman was fashioned [bah-naw], making palaces, a temple, or forms of art.
 - c. When God Made Woman
 - d. Psalm 139:14, “*I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ...*”
- B. Wonderfully Made.
 - 1. Psalm 119:73
 - 2. Acts 17:24-28
 - 3. Psalm 8:3-8

II. GOD KNOWS ME. Vs. 75-77

- A. Known Before Birth.
 - 1. Psalm 139:1-16
 - 2. Jeremiah 29:11
- B. No Hiding From God.
 - 1. Adam and Eve tried to, Genesis 3:8ff.
 - 2. Jonah tried to unsuccessfully, Jonah 1:3, 10.
 - 3. God knows:
 - a. Strength and weaknesses.
 - b. Shortcomings.
 - c. Afflictions.
 - d. Needs.
 - e. Sins.

III. GOD RE-CREATES ME. Vs. 80

- A. Brings Us Back to Him.
 - 1. Forgiveness and redemption.
 - 2. Romans 5:6
 - 3. Titus 3:5
 - 4. 1 Corinthians 6:11
- B. In Other Ways:
 - 1. Affliction / Discipline.
 - a. 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - b. 1 Peter 1:6-7
 - 2. God's Lovingkindness.
 - a. Mercy and compassion.
 - i. Strength, steadfastness, and love.
 - ii. Draws us back when we go astray.
 - iii. Covenant relationship with Israel – with us.
 - b. The Steadfast Love of the Lord.
 - c. Ephesians 2:4-7
 - d. Hebrews 4:16
 - 3. The Assembly.
 - a. Hebrews 3:13; 10:24
 - b. Philippians 2:1-2
 - 4. God's Word.
 - a. Starving to death, Hebrews 5:12-14.
 - b. Guides us in our lives:
 - i. Romans 10:17
 - ii. Colossians 3:16

CLOSING

- A. Psalm 119:80
- B. To be blameless, holy, complete – unashamed.

When God created woman he was working late on the 6th day. An angel came by and said: "Why spend so much time on that one?"

And the Lord answered: "Have you seen all the specifications I have to meet to shape her?"

"She must be washable, but not made of plastic, have more than 200 moving parts which all must be replaceable and she must function on all kinds of food, she must be able to embrace several kids at the same time, give a hug that can heal anything from a bruised knee to a broken hearth and she must do all this with only two hands."

The angel was impressed. "Just two hands...impossible!"

And this is the standard model?!

"Too much work for one day...wait until tomorrow and then complete her."

"I will not," said the Lord. "I am so close to complete this creation, which will be the favorite of my heart."

"She cures herself when sick and she can work 18 hours a day."

The angel came nearer and touched the woman. "But you have made her so soft, Lord."

"She is soft," said the Lord, "But I have also made her strong. You can't imagine what she can endure and overcome."

"Can she think?" the angel asked.

The Lord answered: "Not only can she think, she can reason and negotiate."

The angel touched the woman's cheek. "Lord, it seems this creation is leaking! You have put too many burdens on her."

"She is not leaking...it's a tear" the Lord corrected the angel.

"What's it for?" asked the angel.

And the Lord said, "Tears are her way of expressing grief, her doubts, her love, her loneliness, her suffering and her pride."

This made a big impression on the angel; "Lord, you are genius. You thought of everything. The woman is indeed marvelous!"