

## The Future!?!?!

Psalm 139

"Nowhere are the great attributes of God – His Omniscience, His Omnipresence, His Omnipotence, set forth so strikingly as they are in this magnificent Psalm."

J.J. Stewart Perowne

**Introduction** – "The first stanza of Psalm 139 (1-6) says that God knows everything about each of us; the second (7-12) says He sees everything around us; the third (13-18) shows that He does everything for us; and the last (19-24) notes that He judges everything in us." **Defender's Study Bible**

I. God knows us - Omniscience (1-6)

**OMNISCIENCE** - a theological term that refers to God's superior knowledge and wisdom, His power to know all things (all knowing, infinite knowledge, all-knowledge, being all-knowing)

"Actually the omniscience of God is not an occasion for terror but for comfort. He saved me and yet He knew me—that is the amazing thing about it."

**J. Vernon McGee**

II. God with us - Omnipresence (7-12)

**OMNIPRESENCE** - a theological term that refers to the unlimited nature of God or His ability to be everywhere at all times (universal presence, all-presence, being present everywhere, present to all)

"Never has the pen of man more effectively described the omnipresence of God."

**H.C. Leupold**

III. God made us - Omnipotence (13-18)

**OMNIPOTENCE** - a theological term that refers to the all encompassing power of God (all powerful, infinite power, being all-powerful, all-powerfulness)

"Since God creates people He knows them intimately, and He is always with them.... These verses give strong testimony to the fact that human life begins at conception rather than at birth. This is a fact that should weigh heavily in the debate against abortion on demand." **Tom Constable**

IV. God examines us - Holiness (19-24)

**HOLINESS** - a theological term that refers to God's separateness from all else, particularly from all evil

"This psalm focuses on four great attributes of God: His knowledge of all things (vv. 1-6), His presence everywhere (vv. 7-12), His power in the formation of man (vv. 13-18), and His holiness, which destroys evil men and searches the believer's heart (vv. 19-24)." **Charles Ryrie**

**Conclusion** - "Knowledge of God's attributes can bring great peace into the lives of believers. His comprehensive knowledge (1-6), personal presence (7-12), and absolute power (13-18) are all working for the welfare of His people. Therefore we should commit ourselves to Him in loyalty and resist those who oppose Him (19-24)."

**Tom Constable**

"If you are faithful to the Lord, this psalm will encourage you. If you are trying to hide from the Lord, this psalm will make you realize you are fighting a losing battle."

**Warren Wiersbe**

## Morning Worship Services

January 4, 2009

Prelude	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	Phillips
Welcome		Dr. Gambrell
Praise	<i>Step by Step</i> <i>My Life Is In You Lord</i>	Strasser Jernigan
Invocation		Rev. Hayes
Children's Message		Rev. Hayes
	(11:00 a.m. Children 3 yrs. to kindergarten may leave for Children's Church)	
Responsive Reading 676	<b>Providence</b>	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 54	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Chisholm
Offertory	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Byrne
Doxology		Old 100th
Sermon Text	<b>Jeremiah 29:11</b>	Rev. Hayes
Special Music	<i>He Touched Me, Something Beautiful</i>	Choir
Message	<b>The Future!?!?!?</b>	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 410	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	Spafford
Response 23	<i>God Is So Good</i>	Traditional



Welcome to Worship

*"For I know the plans  
I have for you,"  
declares the Lord,  
"plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you,  
plans to  
give you hope  
and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

## Evening Worship Service

January 4, 2009

Message	Future Rewards	Dr. Gambrell
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### Morning Worship Greeters - 9:30 a.m.

Front Door:	Ron and Margaret Ball
Side Door:	Carolyn and Leon Hayes
Drive-Thru:	Chuck and Becky McDowell
Welcome Desk:	Lois Bellamy

### Today's Ushers

8:30 a.m.	Duke Foyle, Chip McIntyre
11:00 a.m.	Mike Lewis, Chip Bellamy, Frank Boulineau III, Ray Cooper, Kenny McLamb
6:30 p.m.	Elaine and Mason Collins

### Worship Nursery/Children's Church Volunteers - 11:00 a.m.

Nursery:	Cheri Lewis
Children's Church:	Jennifer Carter

## Notes

### Building on Our Heritage

Our desire is to be following God's lead in our Master Plan. Our prayer is to reach the lost in our community. Please continue praying for the developing programs that will provide many opportunities for our facilities. Remember the quote by Missionary, Hudson Taylor, "When God's work is done in God's way for God's glory, it will not lack God's support."

### "Discover Together" Bible Study

Please join us this Tuesday, January 6, and every Tuesday thereafter when the "Discover Together" Bible Study on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> John begins in the Friends in Christ classroom. Choose a time that is most convenient for you, either 8:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Snowbirds and visitors are welcomed.

### English as a Second Language Begins January 13

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will start Tuesday night January 13 from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Adult Workers Sunday School classroom (B105). For more information contact the church office.

## Dates to Remember

### Tuesday, January 6

8:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

*Discover Together Bible Study*

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> John

*Friends In Christ Sunday School Class*

### Tuesday, January 6

11:30 a.m.

*Lunch Bunch at Boulineaus*

### Tuesday, January 13

7:00 p.m.

*English as a Second Language (ESL)  
Adult Workers Sunday School Class (B105)*

### Wednesday, January 21

6:30 p.m.

*Quarterly Church Conference*

### Friday, January 30

9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

*Women's Lifestyle Evangelism Conference  
Myrtle Beach Community Church*

### Saturday, January 31

*Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Begins*

### Sunday, February 1

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*"Soup"er Bowl Sunday*

### February 17-27

*Pilgrimage to the Holy Land*

*Pick Up Brochures at the Church Office*

### Sunday, March 15

*Upward Basketball/Cheerleading  
Awards Celebration*

## Activities for the Week

### Sunday

Chapel Choir Practice	8:00 a.m.
Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Coffee, Donuts, Juice	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages)	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	4:30 p.m.
Evening Service	6:30 p.m.
TeamKID	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.

### Monday

Quilting Class	10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	11:15 a.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

### Tuesday

Discover Together Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Lunch Bunch at Boulineaus	11:30 a.m.
Weekly Visitation	6:30 p.m.
Discover Together Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
RAs and GAs	6:30 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

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