



“I shall always be ready to remind you of these things...”
2 Peter 1:21



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When We Meet

Sunday
 Bible Classes – 9:00 am
 Worship – 10:00 am, 5:00 pm
Wednesday
 Bible Classes – 7:00 pm

Our Elders

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Our Preacher

Alex Hale

The Righteous Judgment of God
 by Alex Hale

The thrust of Psalm 139 is the majesty of God. David speaks of God’s omniscience, asserting that God knows everything, including the innermost thoughts of man. He writes in awe of God’s omnipresence, marveling that one cannot escape the presence of the Lord, no matter how hard he might try. Furthermore, the psalmist illustrates the omnipotence of God with the creation, specifically the creation of mankind.

Toward the end of the psalm, however, David turns his attention from the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-powerful God to sinful mankind. He laments that there are wicked men (139:19-20). These include individuals who ruthlessly shed blood, those who speak against God with malicious intent, and those who do not honor and revere God for who He is and what He has done. David makes it clear that these people will be destroyed (139:19a). As the one who knows all and is over all, God is the one with the right to judge.

David writes, *“Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies”* (139:21-22). The psalmist is not saying that he has malicious feelings toward others. Rather, he is saying that he “hates them” in the sense that he deplors their wickedness. Jason Jackson aptly writes, “This is not a reflection of *personal hatred*; it is a matter of *principled conviction*.”

As a child of God, we should be grieved at sin and its consequences. Do we possess righteous indignation at the sin we see all around us? Unfortunately, many who profess faith find themselves entangled with the world and its sinful ways. *“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?”* (James 4:4).

What Defines Your Worth?
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Imagine that a \$100 bill is you as an image bearer of God. Now imagine someone bullies you and verbally assaults you, saying “You’re not worth anything. You’re useless, nobody needs or wants you and you’re just taking up space.” Has that changed the worth of this \$100 bill? Is it actually worth

\$0 now because of something someone said about it? Of course not, but that’s what Satan wants us to believe about ourselves. Now imagine someone says to this \$100 bill, “You know, if you want to be worth even more, it’s all about how you look. If you really want be worth something in this world, you need to fold one of the corners; that’s the look that makes you valuable and special.” Does the way this \$100 bill looks increase its value in any way? If it doesn’t fold the corner, does that make it any less valuable than the \$100 bills walking around with their corners folded? Of course not, but Satan wants us to believe it does. Now let’s get more serious. Let’s say someone physically harms and abuses us in some way. They have absolutely crumbled us up, thrown us on the floor like we’re trash, and stomped on us. Does the emotional and physical beating this \$100 bill has taken change its value? Of course not, yet Satan wants us to believe that because people have treated us like we’re worthless it must mean we actually are, but it’s just not true. I can still take this tired, crumbled up, stomped on, and insulted \$100 bill and go spend it and get \$100 worth out of it because no matter what happens to it, or how mistreated it’s been, it is inherently worth \$100 and that’s a lot! I only used a \$100 because million dollar bills don’t exist, but brethren even a million dollar bill or a billion dollar bill would fall FAR short of our worth because we are made in the image of God and we are fearfully and wonderfully made! Let HIM define your worth, not Satan!