

We Are Wonderfully and Fearfully Created

(Psalms 139)

I give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made, wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth. Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book they were all written the days that were ordained for me when as yet there was not one of them (Psalm 139:14-16).

After God created beasts, domestic animals, and everything that creeps upon the earth according to their kind, He said, Let Us (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts, and over all of the earth and over everything that creeps upon the earth. So **God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them** (Gen. 1:25-27). God's creation of man is unique from any other creation because man is created in His image. To no other creation did God say, "Let Us make in our image!" The idea of evolution is completely lost when faced with the light of this truth. The animals were created "according to their kind". Mankind did not come from fish to evolve into man. God gave man His DNA; He breathed in him the breath of eternity. The spirit of man never dies even after his physical death. When God created all in six days, He said, It is good! I believe this to be the reason why men yearn to be fulfilled spiritually. There is a hunger for God in the spirit of men found in no other God's creation. Made in the image of God, men seek to worship Him. If only they worshipped the only true God! This world would have been a perfect world.

The Psalmist did not say I am fearfully and wonderfully evolved, but created. He then describes the beauty of our creation and how God is completely involved in the formation of the human body. "For You did form my inward parts; You did knit me together in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made**; wonderful are Your works and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was being formed in secret and intricately and curiously wrought in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them" (Psalm

139:13-16). Every human being create has been created for a purpose. You might think that because you were are a result of rape or other circumstances that God does not value you. He never rejects His creation. Before He created you He knew your name and wrote it in His book all the days of your existence. Your destiny was written in His book before you were born. You are wonderfully and fearfully created for the glory of His name. To Jeremiah God said, Before I formed you in the womb I knew and approved of you and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; and I appointed you as a prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:5). God is never limited to know us only after we are born. No, He knows everything about us: our looks, our destiny, our dislikes and likes; nothing is hidden from our Creator. Before Samson was born, an angel visited his mother and told her she was to have a son and he revealed to her his destiny. Although Samson failed in his calling and destiny, he ultimately succeeded. Samson's life is an example of those who do not seek obedience and fail in performing in fullness God's purpose and destiny for their lives. God never creates a human life to be wasted in sin and failure. That does not represent His purpose, as we understand that before He created us, He wrote our entire destiny in His book. So meaningful our life is to Him.

When Zachariah, while on duty, serving as priest before God in the order of his division, there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense...The angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zachariah, because your petition was heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you must call his name John...He will be great and distinguished in the sight of the Lord. And he must drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit even in and from his mother's womb. He will turn back and cause to return many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn back the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient and incredulous and unpersuadable to the wisdom of the upright in order to make ready for the Lord a people prepared (Luke 1:8, 11, 13-17). John fulfilled his destiny and purpose for what he was created. He lived a short life in complete service to God. The words from the angel were fulfilled in his life to the end. He was a beacon transmitting truth and light for all who came to him. He preached the message of repentance and many came to him to listen and to be baptized. He was not afraid to confront those who were immoral as in the life of Herod, for which he was put in prison. Later he was beheaded to satisfy the fleshy desire of Herod's wife. YAHSHUA had this to say about him when John's disciples came to Him to know for sure if He was the One

to come or should they continue to be looking for another. After John's disciples had left, YAHSHUA said, What did you go out into the desert to gaze on? A reed shaken and swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? A man dressed up in soft garments? Behold, those who wear fine apparel and live in luxury are in the courts or palaces of kings. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you and far more than a prophet. This is the one of whom it is written, Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall make ready Your way before You. I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; (Luke 7:24-28a). His ministry is registered in the book of John 1:15- 36; 3:23-36. John was truly "Great and distinguished in the sight of the Lord."

To be fearfully and wonderfully created is to be created in the image of God. He created men in perfect harmony with what He is- in His image. With his intellect, he can reason and choose with freedom. Morally, he was originally created righteous and innocent. The conscience is a sign of his origin state. When it accuses, he repents and turn around in many cases. When he doesn't then he suffers the consequences soon or later. God did not create men for no reason. Behind every human created there is a reason and a destiny. In the image of God is the immaterial part of men, or the unseen. It is the part that enables him to fellowship with God. Man is created in the image of God mentally, morally and socially. That is to be wonderfully and fearfully created.

I confess and praise You for You are fearful and wonderful and for the awful wonder of my birth! Wonderful are Your works, and that my inner self knows right well (Psalm 139:14).