

GLAD TIDINGS

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

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Acknowledging God

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We may know that God is omniscient and omnipresent by definition, but how often do we confess this reality in terms of living? David did.

“Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thought afar off...For there is not a word in my tongue, But, lo O Jehovah, thou knowest altogether.” (Psalm 139: 2, 4).

David acknowledges God in a way that most would not: in terms of a formidable and wise foe in battle: “Thou beset me behind and before; And laid thy hand upon me” (Psalm 139:5).

“Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain unto it” (Psalm 139:6).

In the context of God’s omniscience and omnipresence, David exalts God’s wisdom and creative power with thanksgiving: “I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Wonderful are thy works; And that my soul knoweth right well” (Psalm 139:14). This acknowledgement of God led David

to live such a life allowing him to make this confident and hopeful statement: “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way of everlasting” (Psalm 139: 23-24).

There is a David, then there is man who with modern technology can see the unborn thriving in the womb, but is unwilling to acknowledge God His creative place. No, he claims, we are here by mere chance. Is this thought worthy of logical thinking or is something else going on? Could it be that man knows that if he acknowledges God as his Creator, he must then be responsible to him for how he lives his life?

One mystery of life can be piled upon another making man pause, if he will, to marvel at the intelligence that must be behind what we call nature. What makes the brain and muscles of our body work together allowing us to move this direction, and escape that danger? There is an important five inch pathway acting as a train station housing the fiber tracts from which information can travel from the spinal cord to the brain creat-

ing sensations, and from the brain to the spinal cord establishing control. It is the “brain stem”. The brain is a marvelous three pound complexity challenging all computers for supremacy, and the spinal cord is an electrical storehouse ready to energize the muscles to move the body. But without the connecting brain stem, life’s necessities such as breathing, blood pressure and digestion would not occur. We would not even be “alert”.

Such complexity creating a functional body boggles the mind. “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me...” . It is not too hard to acknowledge God as being the intelligence behind such marvels of creation. The problem of acknowledging God is not a matter of evidence, but a matter of the will of man. Will I allow God to control my life? Because man wants to answer to no one but himself, he refuses to acknowledge God.

David embraced the all knowing God, and allowed such truth to keep his heart and life pure before Him. Will you so acknowledge God?