

SERMON: YOU ARE A MASTERPIECE

Psalm 139:14

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

Introduction

Few things impress our generation. Prior generations were amazed at jet travel, but now we treat air travel as an everyday affair. Sending a space ship around the globe or to the moon once caused perpetual conversation. Now rockets carrying supplies for the international space station are launched on a regular basis and receive little or no media attention. What used to be novel is now normal. What used to be revolutionary is now routine. New versions of computer software or new versions of cell phones do not get as much attention as they once did. With so many new things being constantly thrown at us, it is difficult to impress us. Some sociologists label us as “the age of the unimpressed.” If we are not careful, even scientific analysis can take away the wonder and awe of God creation. A rainbow can easily become just a natural prism – not a convergent phenomenon of sacred beauty.

The psalmist was deeply impressed and awed with the glory and grandeur of God. He was so impressed with God’s knowledge of our lives. In our text, the Psalmist praised God for the design of the human body. Furthermore, the Psalmist looked at his own body, with its masterful design, and marveled over God’s masterpiece. Every individual is one of God’s masterpieces. Remember, you are unique. No matter what others think of you or what you think of yourself, God sees you as one of His masterpieces. God does not make junk. As we celebrate our academic achievers, please do not forget that. Even if you did not perform as well as you had hoped, still you are God’s masterpiece. Going forward, study harder and smarter – and don’t forget to read your Bible and pray every day! Now let’s talk about the attributes of masterpieces.

Exposition

1. A Masterpiece Is Valuable.

(We Are So Valuable That Jesus Died For Us.)
(Don’t Play Yourself Cheap.)

2. A Masterpiece Must Be Protected.

(Crooks Try To Steal Masterpieces.)
(Psalm 121:1-8.)

3. A Masterpiece Can Be Imitated, But Never Duplicated.

(There Are Cheap Imitations Of Masterpieces.)

(Don't Let The Devil Deceive You.)

(There Are Wolves In Sheep's Clothes.)

4. A Masterpiece Reflects The Skill Of The Master.

(It Glorifies The Artist.)

(Our Good Works Glorify God.)

Closing Statements

All of us have things about ourselves that we would like to change. Nearly every person wants to change some physical feature. For example, some would like to be taller, while others wish to be shorter. Some would like smaller ears or a smaller nose. Some wish their complexion or eyes were a different color. Others would like to change their natural abilities and talents. Some would like to be more athletic or more mechanically inclined. Still others would like to have a different personality. Some introverts would like to be more talkative and more outgoing.

We need to remember that God carefully crafted each of us and made us according to His unique plan for us. He made each of us in a special way. This means that the very physical features or personality traits you may dislike actually endears you as an individual to God's heart.

The ability you desire but cannot develop was not given to you by God because it was not a part of His plan for your life. We should praise God unceasingly for the fact that He loves us so much, that He designed us so intricately, intimately, and individually. In addition, when we truly believe that God has a wonderful plan for our lives, and designed us for that plan, pursuing that plan will be our first priority. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

Related Scriptures

Genesis 1:26-27

Ephesians 4:10

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