

WATCHING THE “BABY” BEING FORMED

Text: Ps 139:13-16

13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Introduction: In these verses, we are given the inside story of procreation, the process of life giving life. David is given insight to the processes that take place in the birth of a child.

Let's talk about these facts as we consider that special birth that has brought us to this time of celebration and rejoicing.

I. God is Watching!

A. One of the most powerful thoughts is that the “ONE” who is being spoken of as watching over this amazing process is Jehovah God.

B. Listen to the clues that are given to this wonderful fact:

1. Verse 13 – “For “YOU” created my inmost being.
2. Verse 13 – “YOU” knit me together.

3. Verse 14 – I praise “YOU” because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
 4. Verse 14 – “YOUR” works are wonderful.
 5. Verse 15 – My frame was not hidden from “YOU” when I was made in the secret place.
 6. Verse 16 – “YOUR” eyes saw my unformed body.
 7. Verse 16 – all the days ordained for me were written in “YOUR” book.
- C. David really has limited facts concerning childbirth but what he has is divine revelation.
- D. He understands that God, the Father oversees every child as it develops in the “secret place,” the womb.

II. God is Watching the Child Being Formed.

- A. Let me share the amazing facts of the child being developed.

Ps 139:13b “...you knit me together in my mother's womb.”

1. The first process is the uniting of the sperm with the egg.
2. The fourth week marks the beginning of the embryonic period, when the baby’s brain, spinal chord, heart and other organs begin to form.
3. Week five the baby’s heart and circulatory system are taking shape. The baby’s heart will begin to beat.

4. By the seventh week, evidence can be seen of the arm bud sprouting, the placenta is clearly visible and the cavities and passageways needed to circulate spinal fluid have been formed.
And the baby's face takes on more definition.
5. Eighth week the baby's fingers and toes form and wrist, elbows and ankles are clearly visible. The ears, upper lip and tip of the nose also become recognizable.
6. Week nine movement begins while nipples and hair follicles begin to form. The internal reproductive organs start to develop.
7. By the eleventh week the baby's sex may be apparent.
8. Week twelve the baby is basically fully formed and will need the remaining time to complete the processes needed before delivery.
9. The instructions given to the mother at this point refer to her care of her own health to ensure the babies health and vitality.

B. God watched the baby Jesus being formed.

1. The inception.

Luke 1:26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,
27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.

31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

C. The development of Immanuel.

Ps 139:14a "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made..."

Ps 139:15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

1. God watched as hands were formed that would touch lepers and they would be made whole.
2. God watched as feet were formed that would take Him through the streets to where Zaccheus was sitting in a tree and where blind Bartimaeus sat.

3. Feet that would tread the winepress of sorrow and pain.
4. Feet that would climb Golgotha's hill for all mankind.
5. God watched as eyes were formed that would see with compassion the hurts of the people.
6. God watched as ears were formed that would hear even the weakest cry for mercy and grace.
7. God watched as arms were formed that would draw you and me closer to the Father's side.
8. God watched as a face was formed that would wear the scars of our sin and sickness thus bringing healing and salvation for our bodies and souls.
9. God watched as a heart was formed that would bleed precious blood that was needed for sins forgiveness.

Conclusion: These are all too wonderful to express. But could I add a few other things that were formed as Jesus of Nazareth was completing the cycle of birth.

AMAZING GRACE

BLESSINGS

COMFORT

DELIVERANCE

ENCOURAGEMENT

FAITH'S SOURCE

GOODNESS

HOPE AND HOLINESS
 IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US
 JOY
 LOVE
 MERCY
 NEVER-ENDING LOVE
 ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD
 PROMISES
 QUIETNESS -- PEACE BE STILL
 RESSURECTION POWER
 SALVATION
 TRUST
 UNITY
 VICTORY
 WISDOM
 'XCELLENCE
 YIELDEDNESS
 ZENITH OF GOD'S LOVE

The union was successful. A child was born.
 Angels sang for His birth.
 Luke 2:13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host
 appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men
 on whom his favor rests."

Shepherd's witnessed this wonderful sight.
 Luke 2:15 When the angels had left them and gone into
 heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to
 Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the
 Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,
18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

You have heard the story. A child was to come.
Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son,
and will call him Immanuel.

He will be an excellent young man.
Isa 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

He will sit upon the throne of David forever.
7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

He will fulfill redemptions plan.
Isa 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

He will reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
Rev 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

What a baby! What a Son! What an amazing truth!