



## RESPECT FOR LIFE

Psalm 139:13-16

“For thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.”

Verse 14 says: “I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

In this Psalm, David describes God as fashioning each of our tiny bodies together in the darkness of our mothers’ womb. This shows that God loved each one of us before we ever existed.

God designed the person David was to be. God designed the person that each one of us is to be, and He brought that person into being according to His predetermined plan. In this Psalm, David uses an intriguing metaphor of a journal in which God first wrote His plan and then brought that plan into fruition through His handiwork in the womb. In Verse 16, He said; “Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they are all written.”

Put another way, David (we) was (are) shaped by his (our) heavenly Father’s love into a unique creation. He (we) came from the inventive heart and hand of God. What is true of David is also true of you and I. You are special—along with everyone else in this world.

This being true, we must be pro-life in the purest sense of the word. We are to respect and cherish all human life: the born and those still in the womb; winsome children and weary seniors; the wealthy executive and the financially destitute. All persons are unique productions of our Fathers genius. With David, let’s exclaim: “I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (14).

By God’s wise designing we are wonderfully made. Every part essential and in perfect balance laid.